

# Outline + Introduction + Crunch Paragraph

Topic:

Navigating the Complex terrain:  
understanding Hybrid democracy  
in Pakistan:

## 1- Introduction:

Pakistan is a state which is neither enjoying full fledged liberal democracy nor an authoritarian regime. With controlled political system and liberties the country is struggling to survive in a hybrid democratic system. The hybrid system of democracy is amiss to Pakistan since its inception.

## 2- Hybrid Political System of Pakistan:

## 3- Electoral system in Pakistan:

- a) Rigging in elections
- b) vote theft in Pakistan
- c) chaos during elections
- d) Cost of election for a candidate
- e) less participation of women in election

## 4- Political parties in Pakistan:

- a) Intra-party elections in Pakistan
- b) Dynastic politics as custom in Pakistan
- c) Kinship networks in Pakistan

## 5- Military as Core of Hybrid democracy in Pakistan:

- a) Direct influence in the politics
- b) Indirect control in the politics

## 6. Civil liberties in Pakistan:

- a- Freedom of Media in Pakistan
- b- Freedom of speech in Pakistan

## 7. Local Governance in Pakistan

- a) Local governance at- provincial level
- b) Local governance at- federal level.

## 8. Possible Remedies for Hybrid political system of Pakistan:

- a) Free and fair elections
- b) Expression of freedom of speech
- c) Intra- Party elections in Pakistan
- d) non-intervention of military in democratic set-up of Pakistan
- e) Functional local governments in Pakistan.

## 9. Conclusion

## Introduction + Crunch paragraph:

Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people. (Abraham Lincoln). But, Political System of Pakistan is recognized by undemocratic practices and chaos like in the form of voting or gender oppression during the elections. Intra-Party elections are not conducted in the country and Dynastic politics prevails. Furthermore, civil liberties in Pakistan are not allowed to fully flourish as per democratic principles. Military has the direct or indirect role in the politics of the country. Pakistan is the state which is neither enjoying full fledge liberal democracy nor an authoritarian regime. With controlled political system and liberties the country is struggling to survive in a hybrid democratic system. Hybrid system of democracy is amiss to Pakistan, However, with proper policies the country can look forward to a democratic future.

Hybrid democratic system is a blend of both authoritarianism and democracy. Pakistan since its inception till 2008, has witnessed six military rules. In face of such harsh realities, Pakistan has never been able to set itself free from the dilemmas of past, and it seems as if democracy in Pakistan is merely the absence of

military rule. Pakistan is operating as a state which is neither authoritarian nor fully democratic state. Entangled in between the two, the country is struggling for true democratic principles to prevail over the political system.