

Intense Polarization and Pakistan's Democratic Future

1- Introduction

Thesis Statement: Pakistan is facing the worst economic, political and social division of its history. This high level of polarization has the potential to disrupt the democratic setup. However, inclusive policies based upon principles of equality can be the solution.

2- How polarization is related to the democratic process of a state.

3- Evidences of intense polarization in Pakistan

a- Political divide of leadership has polarised the society

b- The divide between centre and provinces have magnified

c- Unequal distribution of state resources is creating polarization

d- Stratified education system is polarising the society

e- Technological advancement of specific areas is creating polarisation

f- Polarization within state institutions

4- The impacts of polarization on democratic future of Pakistan

a- Rising popular narratives are threat to democracy

b- Intense polarization can lead towards undemocratic government

c- Strained relations between centre and provinces will hijack the state machinery

d- People will lose confidence in democratic setup

e- Revival of colonial mindset

f- Separatist sentiments of the society can take advantage

5. Steps which can be taken to reduce polarization and strengthen democracy

a- Institutions must play their constructive role in reducing political divide

b- Gain internal strength through economic stability

c- Separatist sentiments shall be curbed with iron hands

d- Unified education system without any political interference

e- State shall focus on development of backward areas.

6. Conclusion