

Democracy & social media and Political Participation

Participation

I. Introduction

Social media enhances political participation by enhancing public awareness toward government and it ensures democracy by presenting public opinion on different social media platform.

II. Role of social media in promoting democracy

- A. Public awareness and political participation.
- B. Social media as a tool to voice public opinion
- C. Use of electronic voting machine in electoral process
- D. A watchdog on the action of government.
- E. Computerized based national identity card use in electoral process.
- F. Different political campaign
 - Imran Khan's political campaign
 - "Imposed Hukoomat na manzoor"
- G. Arab Spring due to use of social media
- H. Protest / Online protests against government.
- I. Influence of social media on Leg. parliament.
 - influence on legislature
 - eg Zainab alert Bill
 - influence on Judiciary
- J. Virtual courts
- K. Accountability of bureaucracy
 - Transparency, Responsibility, effectiveness
- L. Maintenance of law and order
- M. Online public policies

N- Contribution of private sectors in government by providing online platform.

O- Empowerment of marginalized people

P- Social media as an agent of change.

Q- Economic and religious debate on social media platform

Negative Role of Social media

A- Misguiding the people by fake news and misinformation

B- Extremism and intolerance

C- Social media act as tool to promote terrorist activities.

D- Present a poor image of a particular country.

E- character assassination.

F- Hacking of smartphones

eg case study India using Israel's spyware

G- Foreign interference

eg Russian interference in US 2016 election

H- Political harassment

Conclusion