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Ques

What are the causes of Pak-US strained relations, How to stabilize relations between two?

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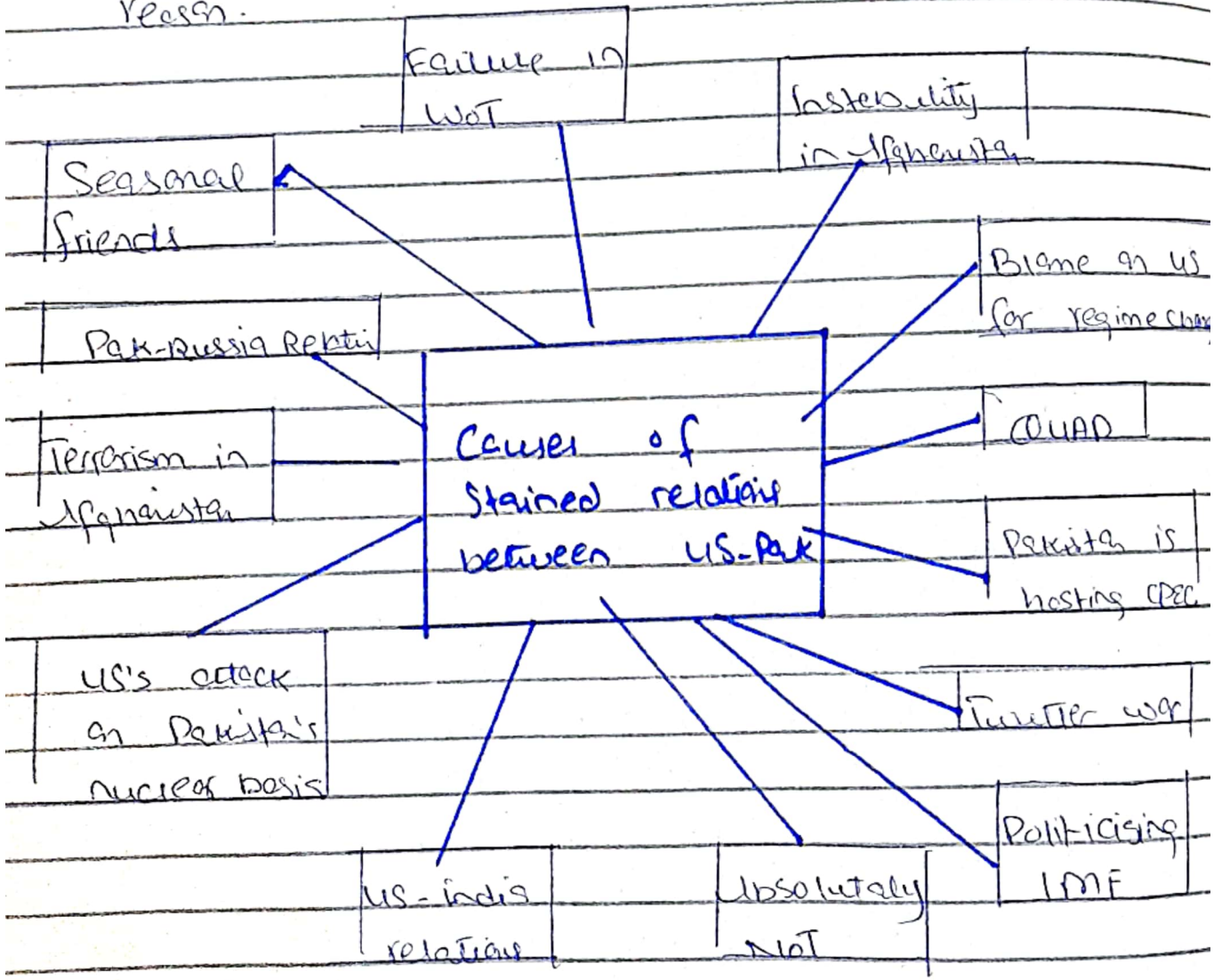
→ Client-Patronage relations. A brief overview

United States and Pakistan have long relations. Ironically, two State never established relations on political or economic basis. Both State needed each other for their own objectives.

US wanted Pakistan for containing his enemies. Pakistan wants America for aids and loans. So there has been need based relation. There are multiple pages in history book

When United States left Pakistan after obtaining its own objectives. Ousting of NATO from Afghanistan has turned the tides in Client-patronage relations between two State.

2. Causes of strained relations between US-Pak are at danger drawn. Currently relations between these two seasonal friends have been strained for a number of reasons.



• Failure in WOT. Pakistan is Scapegoat

United States has failed war on Terror in Afghanistan. United States is continuously blaming Pakistan for failure in war on Terror. This stained relations between two old friends.

• US-India Strategic relation - In alarm for Pakistan

United States is closing its ties with India which is historical rival of Pakistan. There are military alliances and strategic relations between these two states.

It is creating threat to Pakistan defence capabilities. This is also one of the major reasons behind United States and Pakistan stained relations.

• Absolutely Not- Partner in peace only

One of the major reasons behind US-Pakistan harsh stance of former Prime Minister of Pakistan for detaining

denying access of Pakistan bases to US to launch air strikes,

d. Biden's attack on Pakistan's nuclear weapon in November, 2022, President of America showed his concerns regarding weak and poor security of Pakistan's nuclear resources. It anguished Pakistan.

e. Terrorism in Afghanistan. Blame game. Pakistan has been blaming for terrorism in Afghanistan. Pakistan has always been criticized on international level for alleged terror financing, a blame which Pakistan refuse.

f. Pakistan - Russia. New alliances on the way. Pakistan's former Prime Minister visited Russia in February, 2022. It was the time when Russia launched attacks on Ukraine. Pakistan relations with Russia strained. Pakistan-US relations.

g. Seasonal Friends - Swings in relation

Relations are need based. Whenever United States started a war in this region, it always used Pakistan. Pakistan shares its border with Afghanistan, a favorite place of US for proxy. US NATO has been gone from Afghanistan, the season of friendship has changed into season of blame game.



h. "Do more" - Pakistan could not satisfy US in what US always want. Pakistan to "do more" for US, Pakistan did not do best to kill the parents of terrorism. This

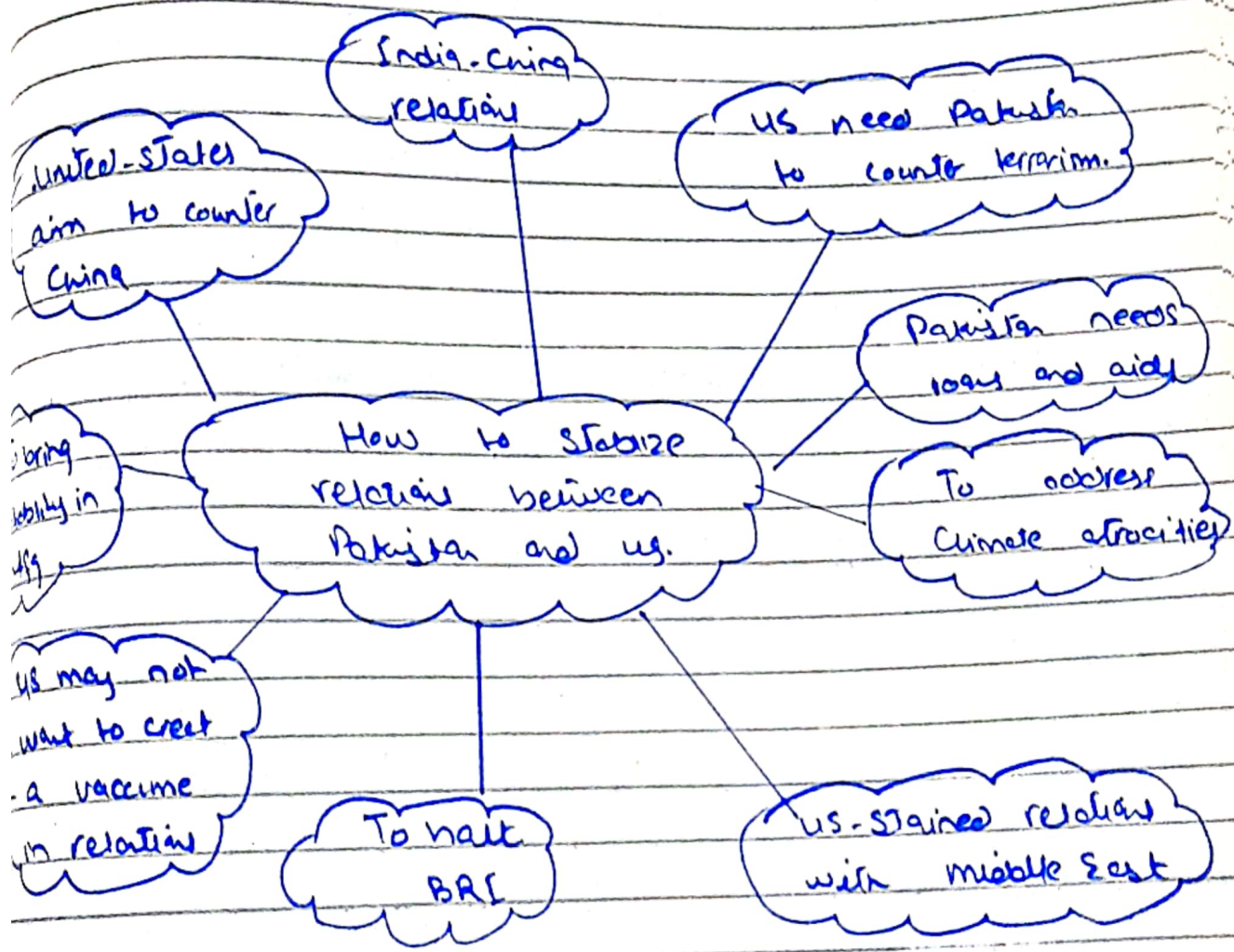
Stance of US changed the relations between these two states because Pakistan was not ready to accept this allegation as it has suffered plenty of loss owing to US led wars.

i. Instability in Afghanistan

US blames Pakistan for instability in Afghanistan. Afghanistan's regime is failed to deliver to all of its ethnic groups. West blame Pakistan for failure of Afghan's regime.

ii. How to stabilize relations between US-Pakistan

Pakistan needs US for aids and logy. US needs Pakistan to maintain its presence in region and to counter its enemies. Both both states have scope to stabilize their relation for benefits of both.



United-States objective to have a check on China
 US want
 to have a check on the regional
 rising nations. Pakistan is best
 option for United State to
 obtain its goals. in the
 crisis.

b- To maintain hegemony in region
United States has lost
its hegemony in middle East. To
fill the vacuum, it may take
towards establishing friendly relations
with Pakistan.

c- Vacuum in Relation. An opportunity for China,
If relations between
United States and Pakistan get tense,
a vacuum will be created. US's
created vacuum may be filled
by China. So, US may
not want to lose its hegemony
from Pakistan too. That is why,
there is a room between these
two states to buy their
hotness -

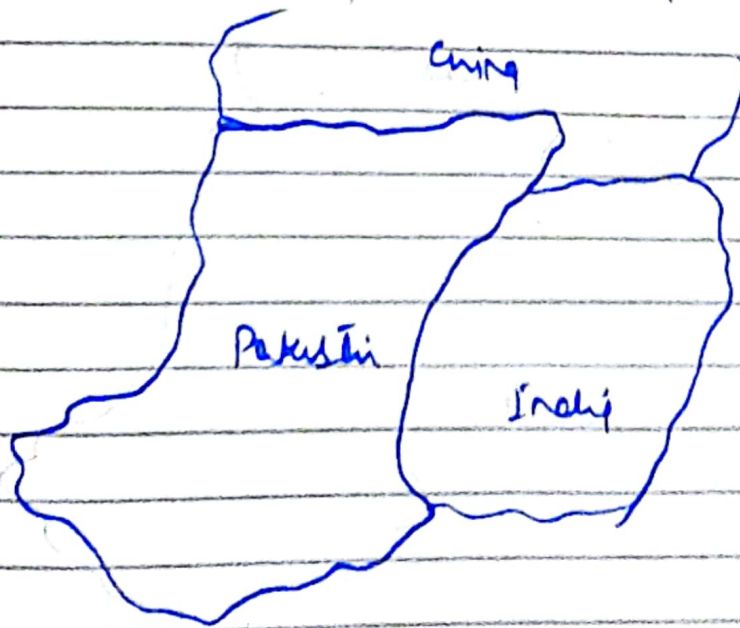
d- Friend to invest in Pakistan's infrastructure
Pakistan's infrastructure
is deteriorated owing to flood.
It needs a state to invest
in its infrastructure. United
States has help Pakistan for
rehabilitation. This may pave
relations between these two

c. US's aim to halt BRI

US wants to halt BRI at any cost. BRI is being hosted by Pakistan as a key state for goods. US to obtain its

d. India-China trade relations

India is one of the big emerging markets for China. Trade relations between these two neighbour states is a threat for US. US may pivot towards Pakistan to contain rise of multipolarity.



6. Conclusion

are not in good terms since the mid of 2010's. US has blamed Pakistan for failure in war on Terror. The growing economic and strategic ties between India and United State has fueled the fires. The situation got worse by Russia-Pakistan growing relation in 2022. These two seasonal friends need each other for personal interest. So, there is vaccine that both these states might bury their hatchet and become friends again. For another time period.

Ques 1

Discuss Problems and challenges of Political culture in Pakistan. What role Political parties can play to overcome political polarization in Pakistan.

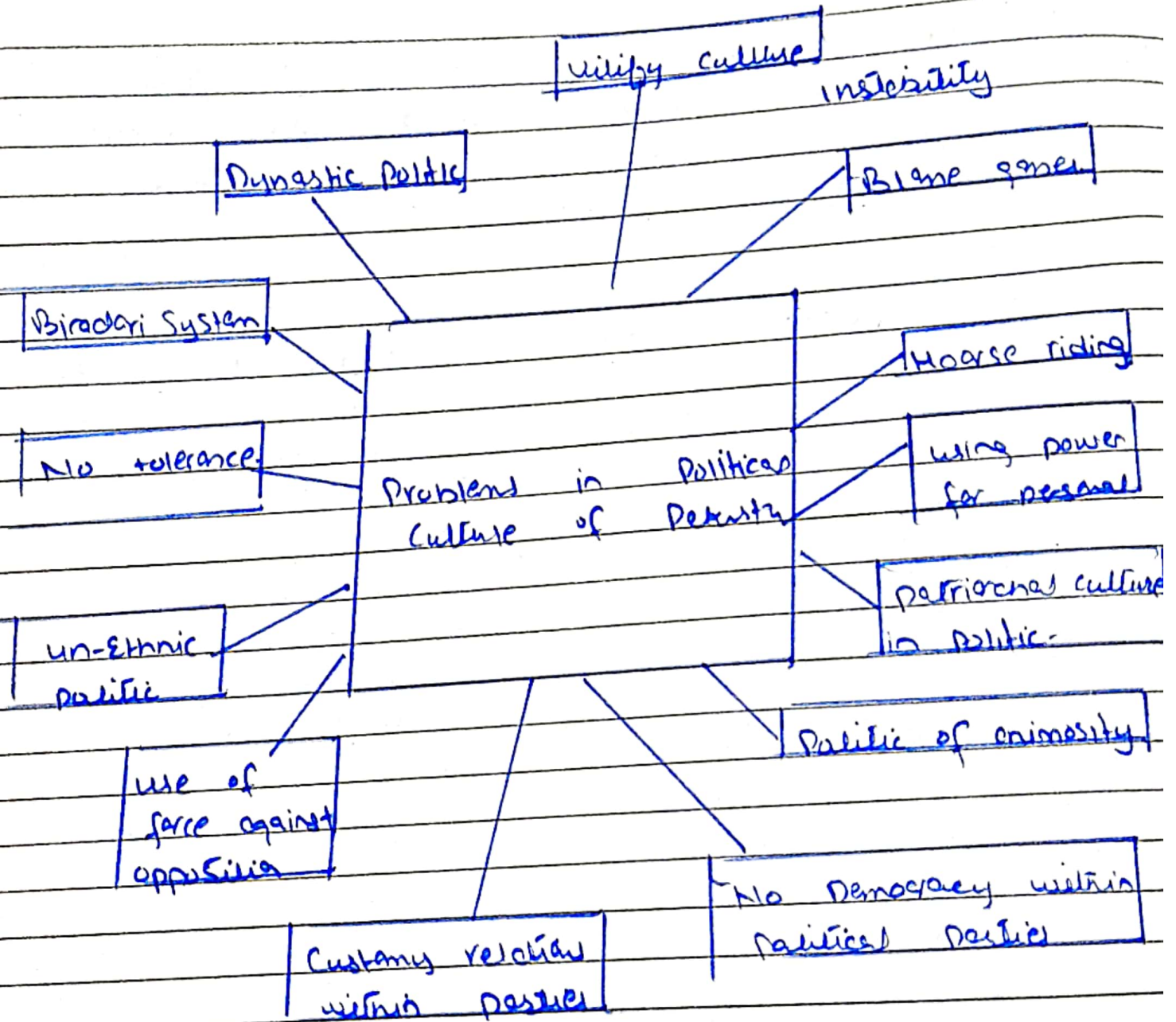
Answer

1.- Political culture of Pakistan - In overview.

Political culture refers to the a set of shared values and objectives regarding political system in any state. The current events in the politics of Pakistan has projected the facts that Pakistan's politics is has lost morality and ethics. The culture of blame game has become more violent in politics which has created a bleak picture of Pakistan's political culture.

2. Problems and challenges in political culture in Pakistan

There are a number of problems and issues in political culture in Pakistan.



a. Dynastic Politics - A Threat to Democracy

Culture of dynastic politics in Pakistan. There are few parties who are being assumed power in continuation. Generations are being handed with presidency of political party which was once created by their great grand fathers.

b. Lack of tolerance among political parties

There is no tolerance in the political culture of Pakistan. Government and opposition continue to blame each other from start to end of the government.

c. Exclusive party system - Threat to democracy

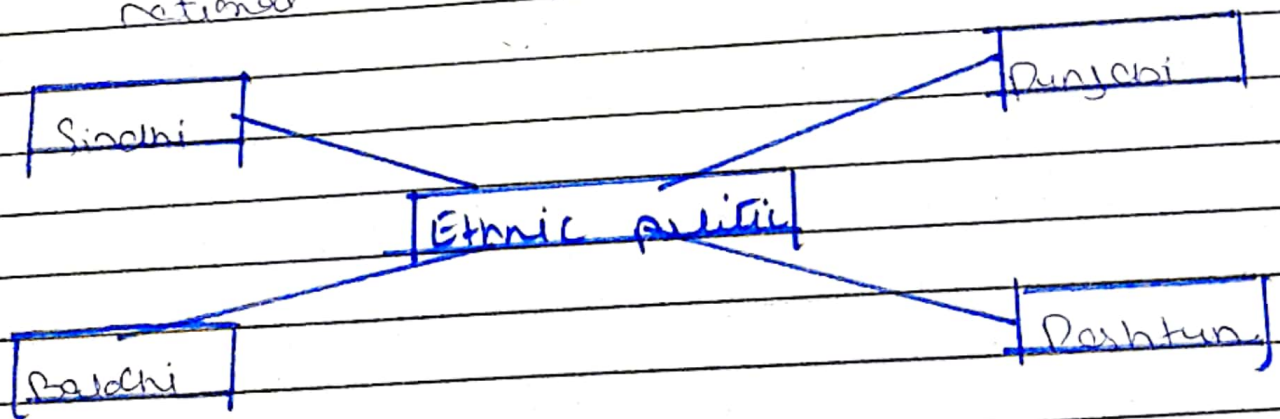
In the political parties of Pakistan, there is zero democracy. All the major decisions are taken by the high authorities of party in most of the cases.

d. Biraadari System has marooned Political System

biraadari System in Pakistan not
cost their votes to the
representative who belongs to
their biraadari. Party tickets are
given on the basis of key
interest and biraadari system.

e. Ethni Politics is a death blow for democracy

there is ethnic political culture.
Political parties are interested
to serve to their ethnic
groups not the cost of
national interest.



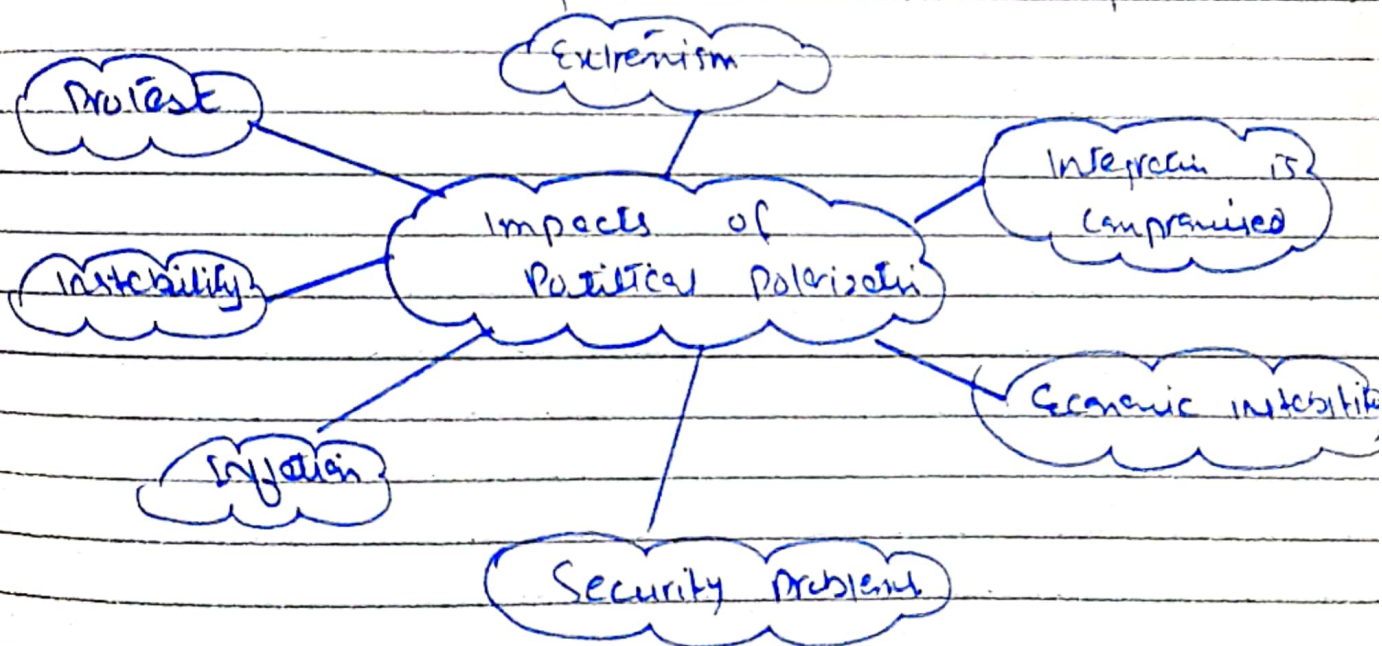
f. Custom - Patronage relations

Instead of merit,
there are custom - patronage

relationship among the members of political parties and party leader. as defined in "Politics beyond the crisis state" by Moleens Lochi

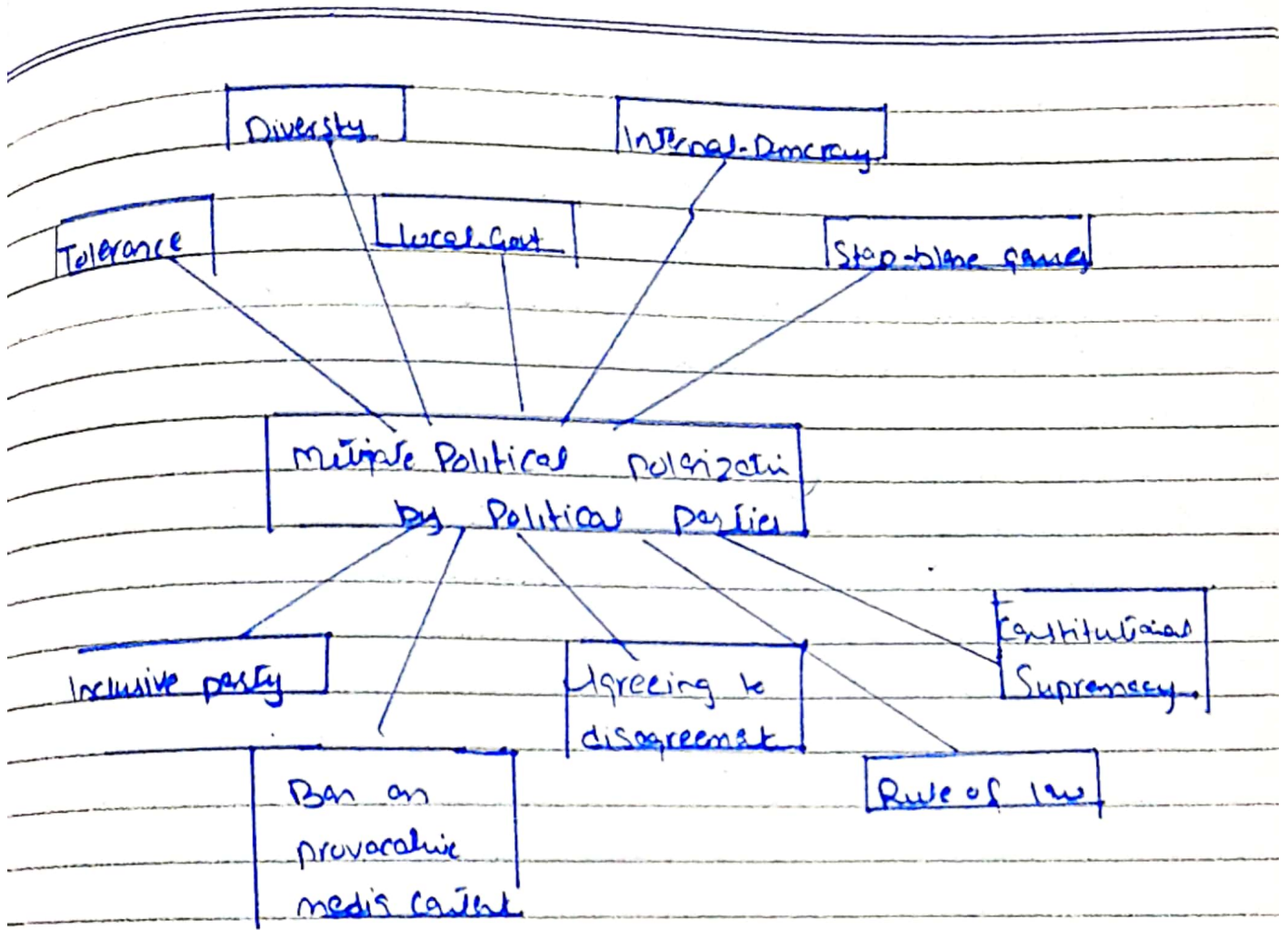
4- Role of Political Parties to curb Political Polarization

There is acute need to curb the menace of political polarization which causes a number of the curses in the society. Political leaders can play a vital role to crush the havoc of political polarization.



Road toward Political Integration - 1
Duty of Political parties

It is
the responsibility of Political parties
to encourage Political integration
and to work for it.



a. Inclusive party system - A rise of Tolerance

There should be diversity in opinions and should be culture of tolerance within party, otherwise, horse riding will not be stopped.

b. Constitutional Supremacy - Need of time

Political parties should

act as per constitution. They should use their powers within the restricts set by constitution. It will help to stabilize political environment in Pakistan and political polarization will be reduced.

c- Agreeing to Disagreement

The acceptance of disagreement. There should be difference in opinion and diversity of ideas should be encouraged with assembly and in front of people. This will be helpful to create tolerance in public too.

d- Ban on Provocative TV Programs

There should be a ban on all those TV programs who spread hate and political polarization for viewership or self-interest.

e- Local Government - A Key of Political Polarization

Local Government is a key of political integration

when people will be dealt at the local level, they will be able to participate in politics with more productivity and positively.

f. Rule of law - A road to political integration

The States where there is rule of law, all the authorities use their power carefully. In such States, a culture of peace proliferates and a curse of polarization are feeble.

f. Stop Blame game - Need of time

In Pakistan's political system, parties have tendencies to blame each other for failure of economic or social or political structure. They use harsh language in media against each other which rise polarization. These blame games are needed to be stopped.

n. Morality in Politics.

There should be some moral values in

Political Culture of Pakistan Parties should value morality which will help to mitigate political polarization among masses

1- Discourage Birekri System and Birekri System should be abolished from politics as it leads towards political polarization.

2- Abolition of culture of Ethnic politics is one of major reasons behind political polarization. National politics should be encouraged for national integration.

Pratification of Tolerance by Political Parties

There should be tolerance among political members against each other. They should try to ignore the hate content or disagreement which great morality.

6. Conclusion

Pakistan political culture is in the ambit of issues and challenges. Multiple problems have crutched it. Thus raises a lot of menaces in Pakistan. Political polarization is on the top. Political leaders should take some pragmatic measures to mitigate the curse of political polarization. Otherwise, Pakistan might be going in the dismemberment one again soon.