

# Democracy & social media and Politics

GOOD

KEEP PRACTISING

## 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

G- Foreign interference  
eg case study India using Israel's spyware

H- Foreign interference in US 2016 election  
eg Russian interference

I- Political harassment

## Conclusion