

The Future of democracy in Pakistan

Outline

1. Introduction

The democracy in Pakistan has seen various ups and down in the course of more than seven decades. Although, democratic process has shown some continuity in recent decade, but its path is still haphazard; However it can be hoped that democracy has bright future in Pakistan in long run.

2. Evolution of democracy in Pakistan

3. Major factors which are going to be deciding for future of democracy in Pakistan.

- Balance among the state institutions
- The role of citizens in electing parliamentarians
- The performance of Parliament.
- The regularity of democratic processes.

4. Prospects regarding the future of democracy (Positive Prospects)

- Continuity in electoral process
- Transparent elections
- Strengthening of democratic institutions
- Decrease in involvement of non-democratic forces in democratic processes
- Building of greater trust of public on democracy

(Negative prospects)

- Greater political polarization and violence

g. Increase in reliance of politicians on non-democratic forces for securing power.

h. Conversion of democracy into majoritarianism

5. Suggestions for better future of democracy in Pakistan.

a. Strengthening of democratic institutions

b. Continuity of democratic process

c. Ensuring transparency and accountability

d. Raising awareness among citizens

6. Conclusion