

# Democracy in Pakistan: Hopes and Hurdles

## 1. Introduction

Thesis statement: Democracy in Pakistan has seen ~~to~~ many hurdles which include feudalism, delayed constitution making, economic imbalance, and the unprofessional role of media but, some developments in the recent past such as freedom of mass media, resurgence of judiciary, emergence of new political parties has created some hope for its success.

2. An overview of democracy in Pakistan.

3. Hurdles in the way of democracy

a. Lack of competent leadership in the early days of Independence of Pakistan.

b. Deeply rooted feudalism in some parts such as Balochistan and Sindh

c. Unprofessional and motive-driven role of media

d. High illiteracy rate especially among women did not allow economy to flourish

e. Large gap between <sup>the</sup> poor and <sup>the</sup> rich in every realm

f. Deteriorating economic growth

4. Hopes in the way of democracy

a. Emergence of political parties at national level

b. Mass media is widely-awake and relatively independent

c. Improving literacy rates.

d. Increasing role of women in social, political, and economic domain

e. Improved voter turnout in <sup>the</sup> 2013 elections

## 5. Way Forward/Recommendations

a. The role of media should be impartial and diaphanous

b. Political activities should held in educational institutions to promote new leadership

c. Local government system should be strengthened

d. Reforms should bring in civil services to improve bureaucratic structure

e. Transparency and accountability of political leadership

f. Initiation of poverty and illiteracy alleviation programmes

6. Conclusion