

" Digital Democracy; social media and political participation."

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1 Introduction

Thesis Statement: Dawn of the twenty first century has seen an unprecedented increase in the use of social media platforms. This has brought an opportunity for politicians and public to bring an advanced form of democracy through social media platforms. However, like other innovations, digital democracy entails both prospects and problems. Indeed, efficient use of this digital democracy will ensure much positive fruits in future.

2 Framing the Topic - Defining the key variable 'Digital Democracy'

3 How Can Political Participation through Social Media Bring Digital Democracy?

3.1) Gathering the mass support for democracy through social media platforms

(Case in point: Turkish President's message to public against dictatorship through Facetime)

3.2) Equal opportunity of casting vote for all joes irrespective of citizen's color, race, gender, and religion

(Case in point: American General Elections)

3.3) The ability to engage in real-time discussions and debates

(Case in point: Imron Khan's 'PM Postal')

3.4) Rising voice against human rights violation

(Case in point: Arab Spring and #MEETOO campaign)

3.5) A tool to enhance accountability

(Case in point: resignation of Icelandic Prime minister in the wake of Panama scandal)

4 Problems for ^{Digital} Democracy Created due to Wrong Political Participation through Social Media

4.1) Evaluation of power through bringing person-centric politics

(Case in point: Modi's Hindutava)

4.2) Publicity for populist agenda

(Case in point: Trump's populism - American First Policy)

4.3) The issue of fake news and misinformation leads to political polarization

(Case in point: Trump blamed for Russia for hacking voting machines of America during general elections)

4.4) Unchecked freedom of expression creates social disorder in the society

4.5) Forming radical public opinions to break treaties

(A case study of BREXIT)

5 Recipe to Ensure that Political Participation through Social Media is Positively Used not abused against Digital Democracy

s.1) Constructive role of United Nations Organization to keep social media influencers in check

s.2) Making institutions and systems of check and balance autonomous

s.3) Awareness of positive use of social media among political participatos

s.4) Legislation to check unchecked freedom of expression

6 Conclusion