

Moral decline in Politics: Causes & Consequences

Outline

(1) Introduction

Thesis Statement :-

Decline in the moral standards of politics is a serious issue due to ~~the~~^{its} long lasting and disastrous consequences. The investigation of the various causes of this decline can help one understand the different manifestations of diminishing morality in politics. Only commitment towards eradication of the causes can help uproot this evil and save society from its harmful consequences.

(2) Manifestation of Moral decline in politics

(3) Causes of Moral decline in politics :-

- a. Lack of literacy among politicians
- b. Lack of political grooming of political workers
- c. Lack of regard for moral conventions among masses
- d. Underdeveloped democratic

culture

e. Lack of ideology - based politics ; mere power struggle

f. Lack of ^{rule} of law makes people

disregard laws , norms and moral codes

(4) Consequences of Moral decline in politics:-

a. Misuse of power by ruling politicians

b. Involvement of a political institutions in politics to save the State

c. National unity fades away

d. Masses lose trust in state system

e. Politicians unable to agree even on grave national issues

f. Violent clashes between opposing political parties challenge --s law and order maintenance

(5) Way forward :-

a. Impart moral education to new generation

b. Political parties should develop and follow an agreed-upon moral code of conduct

c. Political parties should train and groom workers' morality

d. Public should act as watchdog of politicians' morality

e. Non-partisan offices (e.g. Speaker of NA) should enforce high moral standards