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Youth bulge in Pakistan: an asset or liability?

Outline

1. Introduction

• Thesis statement: youth bulge in Pakistan is a valuable asset in variety of ways. However, for its materialization some issues confronting it must be managed.

2. How youth bulge in Pakistan is an asset?

a. Rise in economic production due to increased productivity of youth

b. Promotion of peace and stability by avoiding conflicts

c. Important agent of change in society through activism

d. Augments creativity through innovation and new ideas

e. More prosperous and inclusive

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Political system by virtue of enhanced participation

f. Management of disasters through intense activism

g. Increased technological development through effective use of skill sets.

3. Some challenges that hurt realization of potential of youth in Pakistan

a. Lack of effective skills for economic progress

b. Less use of available technology.

c. Dearth of desirable participation in political process

d. Misuse of youth by vested groups for their nefarious agendas

4. Some doable ways to make effective utilization of potential of youth so as to transform it into an asset

a. Imparting modern-day skills

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b. Integrating into political system through meritorious services

c. Augmenting access to technology through efficient provision of devices

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d. Supporting adequate participation in development process

5. Conclusion

Youth is an important group for revolutionizing the society and furthering economic prosperity. It is due to the activism of youth that dynastic regimes have been sent home in Middle East and African states. Their role in Pakistan is no less significant and they are considered an important asset in variety of ways. The youth furthers industrial production by involving efficient and high level productivity of work. Moreover, peace and stability become prevailing due to less likelihood of conflicts. The role of the youth in transforming a society through their activism can not be denied. Besides, innovation increases in countries which involve

adequate use of skills of their young lot. Management of disasters such as floods, disease outbreaks and earthquakes also requires utilization of power and service of youth. However, such an important asset in country is not immune from challenges. Lack of skills hinders maximum economic growth. Furthermore, youth in country lack in adequate access to technology. Nepotism and dynastic culture of politics are equally blame worthy for keeping youth under-represented. These issues faced by youth can be addressed if some doable measures are taken in this direction. Therefore, youth bulge is certainly an asset for Pakistan, but for its realization issues faced by youth must be managed.