

# Political unawareness in Pakistan

## Outline

### 1) Introduction:

"Political unawareness in Pakistan persists due to low literacy rates, socio-economic disparity, limited access to unbiased information and historical issues such as political instability and corruption. In order to address political unawareness, positive measures should be taken such as improving education, increasing access to unbiased information, and promoting transparency and accountability in governance."

### 2) What is political unawareness?

### 3) Factors contributing to Political unawareness.

3.1) Low literacy rate

3.2) Socio-economic disparity

3.3) Limited access to unbiased information

3.4) Historical issues such as political instability and corruption.

### 4) Effects of Political unawareness.

4.1) Apathy or disengagement among the population.

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- 4.2) lack of trust in the Political system
- 4.3) Impediment to democratic Processes
- 4.4) Polarization and Divisiveness

5) Solutions to address Political unawareness:

- 5.1) Improving education
- 5.2) Increasing access to unbiased information
- 5.3) Promoting transparency and accountability in governance
- 5.4) Increasing socio-economic equality.

6) Conclusion.

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Political unawareness in Pakistan is one of major issues where people are politically not aware. It persists due to low literacy rates, socio-economic disparity, limited access to unbiased information, and historical issues such as political instability and corruption. Due to political unawareness, it affects the society. As a result, it generates apathy among the population, lack of trust in the political system, impediment to democratic processes, and polarization and divisiveness. In order to address political unawareness, positive measures should be taken to improve education, increase access to unbiased information, and promote transparency and accountability in governance. Political unawareness is the reason behind all these things, therefore, it is necessary to bring awareness among population.

Political unawareness refers to lack of understanding of political issues, parties, processes, and institutions within a society. Therefore, it generates ignorance of current events, political parties, government structure, and public policies. People who are politically unaware may have limited knowledge about their rights and responsibilities.

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Therefore, in the society, many people are suffering for their rights owing to unawareness. In Pakistan, people are also facing the same situation because they are not fully aware about political participation. If they are not aware in political participation, they will never get their rights. In a simple terms, political unawareness is the core cause of keeping them away from their rights.

These are many factors which contribute to political unawareness such as low literacy rates is one of major factors because Pakistan has relatively low literacy rates where people are not educated. If people are not educated, then how ~~will~~ they'll participate in politics.

Especially, in the rural areas, people are uneducated due to lack of sources and quality education. Not only low literacy rates but also socio-economic disparity plays important role which further exacerbates political unawareness. In the Pakistan, all communities are not getting equal rights.

There is a famous quotation of George Orwell from 'Animal Farm' where he depicts that "All animals are equal, but some animals are more equal than others". In these lines, he described that some people are more superior than

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others. In the Pakistan, the situation is same because all communities are not treating equally. Owing to lack of resources, they are unable to participate in politics. Also, there is limited access to unbiased information. Due to biased media reporting, censorship and propaganda distort the truth and hinder the availability of diverse point of view leaving the citizens to biased information. As a result, people are not very much interested in the discussion and information about the politics. Historical issues such as political instability and corruption are also contributing factor of political unawareness. As we know that Pakistan's history is marked by political instability and endemic corruption eroding public trust in government. Hence, everyone believes that the government is corrupted due to the leadership of corrupt people in politics. These are the factors which contribute to political unawareness.

Owing to these factors, it affects the society. Political unawareness breeds apathy and disengagement among the populace. low voter turnout and limited civic participation

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undermine the democratic process and weakening the representation of citizen's interests. Also, A consequence of political unawareness is the erosion of trust in political systems as citizen perceive ~~effect~~ elected representative as unaccountable. In addition to this, it effects the impediment to democratic process because without the participation of citizen, it will face significant challenges. When individual has lack of understanding and interests in political issues and processes, they are less likely to participate in democratic activities such as voting, public debates and joining civic organization. Not only this but also the effect of political unawareness on polarization and divisiveness is detrimental to the health of democracy. Due to lack of awareness, they will create groups on the basis of extremism and certain ideologies which are implanted by their leaders. As a result, it will create gap among population.

In order to address political awareness, it is necessary to bring reforms in the policies; for instance, improving education is one of the important factors because if you improve education, then

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People will aware about political system. Therefore, It is better to promote good quality of education especially rural areas which are under-controlled by the feudal lords. Not only this, but also enhancement of unbiased information plays great role in awaring the people. By promoting media freedom and supporting independent journalism are essential steps to broaden access to unbiased information. This is how information empower citizens to critically evaluate political issues and bridge the gap of political unawareness.

Apart from these, enhancing transparency and accountability in governance is necessary to rebuild public trust. Once the transparency and accountability is injected, people will start believing the system of government. Consequently, It will help population to include themselves in the participation of politics. Also, It is necessary to promote equality socio-economic equality among all communities because some communities are marginalized in the Pakistan. Due to marginalization and lack of resources, they are unable to participate in politics. Hence It is necessary to give equal rights to

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all communities without any discrimination.

To cut the long story short, Political unawareness in Pakistan is one of major issues owing to lack of education, inequality among communities, biased information and Historical issues. These are the factors which contribute political unawareness.

Consequently, it affects the society, and it generates disengagement among the population, lack of trust in the political system, impediment to democratic process, and polarization and divisiveness. Therefore, it is necessary to address political unawareness by improving education, increasing access to unbiased information, promoting transparency and accountability in governance and increasing equality among population. By adopting these measures, it will enhance political awareness among people.