

# Digital democracy: Social media and political participation

## 1) Introduction:

Social media plays a crucial role in digital democracy through political participation, but it also exhibits some drawbacks that can be eliminated through some means.

Through enhanced political participation

## 2) What is digital democracy?

## 3) How social media plays part in digitalization of democracy

i) People got awareness about their fundamental rights through social media.

**Example:** Women's steel campaign in 2017 for their rights.

Introducing policies

ii) Legislature is making policies according to the rights and needs of people.

**Example:** Vinab Alevi Bill.

It has become the

iii) Government is becoming more responsive towards people.

**Example:** Moloday rape case.

#### 4) How political participation is active through social media

i) Politicians are using online platforms to convey their messages.

**Example:** Imran Khan is conveying his messages from jail through recorded videos.

ii) The protest methods <sup>Have been</sup> transferred from physical to digital systems.

**Example:** Trends like: #ReleaseImranKhan.

iii) Facebook, Twitter, Instagram are being used to spread political manifestos of parties.

#### 5) Benefits of Digital democracy through social media

i) People ~~can get justice easily~~ through social media.

Can access justice

**Example:** Nour Mugadam case

ii) Crime rate has ~~been limited~~

Crime has been discouraged

**Example:** Number of kidnapping and rape case has been reducing.

iii) There is a decrease in domestic violence.

## 6) Drawbacks of digital democracy through social media

i) fear of hybrid warfare

Example: Propaganda of parties and even countries against each other.

ii) un-necessary freedom of expression

Example: chances of Blasphemy.

Character assassination of a person

iii) Media platforms are ~~not~~ controlled by ~~Governmental~~ Institutions.

Example: Installation of Firewall.

## 7) Way forward:

i) Increase the literacy rate

ii) Educate the mass in backward areas about their rights.

iii) There should be less interference of Governmental officials.

iv) Steps should be taken to avoid hybrid warfare.

## 8) Conclusion

In modern world, social media has become a mean of communication. It is used by the people for contacting purposes. Friends, relatives and families. Businessmen are using it for marketing of their products. And even politicians are using this for their political agendas. The online trends have become common. This is actually called the digital democracy in which the online platforms are used to approach a common citizen of the country. People are raising their issues on social media apps like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter etc. And in recent the justice system, Government institutes have become more alert and responsive. Although, it is a fact that social media has started a hybrid way. The dignities of people are not safe anymore. Everyone is trying to take advantage of digitalization of world in hybrid ways. However, social media has also proved a useful and helpful tool for welfare of humans. Through digital democracy people used to know about their basic rights. Now it has become difficult for people and even governments to maneuver the fundamental rights of people. Digital voting system has

increased the number of voices.  
Everyone has got the freedom  
of speech.

Good command over basic

### Conclusion:

It has been possible  
Collectively it has been seen that  
digital democracy has proved  
a useful step towards a  
peaceful world. It has more  
advantages than disadvantages.  
It has proved helpful  
in limitation of crimes and  
violation. With some  
balances from the government  
it can be improved.

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