

It is easier to make a constitution than to run it. | Discuss in the light of politics Administration dichotomy. (2016).

Introduction

"The constitution was not written in sand to be washed away by each successive wave of new rules, but was meant to protect the liberties of the people." - Sam Ervin.

The statement of Sam Ervin accentuates the objective of constitution. However as per Woodrow Wilson, it is easier to make a constitution but its

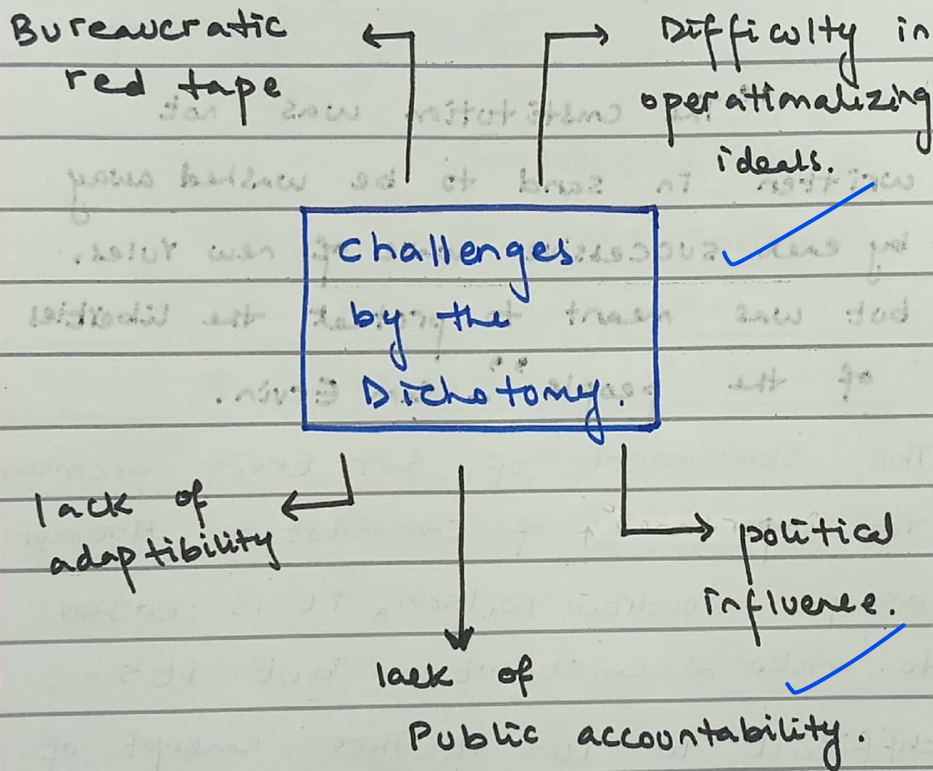
difficult to run it. This concept of constitution is closely related with

his another concept: political

Administration dichotomy which aims to separate policy-making from administrative. But

numerous challenges highlighted by the dichotomy in effectively implementing the constitution. These

challenges include gap between theoretical design and practical execution as political influence, bureaucratic red tape and lack of adaptability.



2. CONCEPT OF POLITICS ADMINISTRATION DICHOTOMY.

In the book 'the study of Administration' woodrow Wilson highlighted the concept of public administration dichotomy. According to this, politics i.e. making policy decision and administration i.e. carrying out decisions should be separated. By separating the two functions, administration can run fairly and effectively without political influence.

3. Constitution Running vs. Constitution Making.

3a. Constitution making

Constitution making includes set of principles and rules which accentuates how the government should govern. It's a complicated but controlled process involving drafting and negotiating.

'The constitution making of Pakistan was a meticulous process it began shortly after the country gain independence.'
- Dr. Ishtat Hussain.

3b. Constitution Running

Constitution Running involves implementation of principles in day to day governing process. The process is complex and includes numerous challenges in its effective implementation. Problems such as ensuring accountability, public needs and corruption often complicate the process.

'Implementation of constitution is a complex process ensuring its adherence to the principle of law and justice.'

- James Madison

4. Challenges by the dichotomy

4a. Difficulty in operationalizing ideals.

There is a huge gap between the theoretical design of the principles and its implementation.

'As per the Article-19A of the Constitution, provinces must form a local government and govern according to it.' However, despite this, there is always a delay in the elections of local governments, impeding true decentralization.

'Also, as per article 140-A of the 1973 Constitution, people have the right of access to information. But unfortunately, only 31% of the population are

satisfied by the Transparency process
— report by Pakistan
institute of legislative
Development and
Transparency.

4b- Bureaucracy Red tape

Bureaucracy

Red tape i.e. delay in
decision making has a substantial
role in the ineffective implementation
process. It often prolongs the
process and impacts the service delivery.

'Pakistan is ranked
108th out of 190 in the
report of 'Ease of doing
business'.

4c. Lack of adaptability

The
constitution was framed at a
particular time with its own
limitations. However, it's important

to adapt the principles in accordance with the changing circumstances. Lack of adaptability is another issue in the running of constitution.

During the making of 1973 constitution, a substantial concern was raised regarding the growth of rural areas. In order to resolve the issue, quota system for job opportunities was introduced in Karachi where rural areas were allocated 60-70% of seats. However, with time this quota system proves to be ineffective for the urban area. But the lack of adaptability has made this a critical ^{unresolved} issue.

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4d. Political interference.

As per the dichotomy, political interference

is an impediment in the way of effective implementation of running a constitution.

"About 40% of senior bureaucratic positions are filled based on political affiliation rather than merit."

- Pakistan Center of excellence Journalism

5. Conclusion

In a nutshell, politics administration dichotomy highlights that in politics and administration. But there are numerous challenges in its way including bureaucratic red tape, lack of adaptability and difficulty in operationalizing ideals. These difficulties accentuate that it's harder to run a constitution than to make it **satisfactory 9/20**