

## Has Democracy Failed to Deliver in Pakistan?

Undoubtedly, one cannot deny that human beings learned to live in groups and generated principles to govern themselves. Even the initial communities used to select a leader among them to follow. With the passage of time, this idea evolved as a system of governance a Democracy, which is globally recognized and can be understood in the famous words of Abraham Lincoln as "Democracy is the government of the people, by the people, for the people." The actual plot of democracy is to ensure rights of the people include free and fair election, freedom of expression, gender parity, and rule of law. As for as the situation of Pakistan, it has had a fickle history of democracy since the inception of Pakistan. Democracy has failed to deliver due to several things about (causes) such as many people in Pakistan are unable to drink clean and healthy water. There are many women in the country who become the victims of gender disparity. Not only this, many women are also being policed by their parents and husbands. Democracy ensures to provide freedom of expression, but people are being kidnapped in Pakistan who speak

against the government in this process, military interventions cannot be blamed alone because other institutions also played the same role in promoting corruption and nepotism. Rule of law is missing which affects the democracy and gives rise to many conflict in the form of sectarianism and terrorism. Lack of strong judiciary also strains the democratic process which ultimately promotes abuse of human rights.

On the other hand, some scholars are of the opinion that the issues are deeply rooted before the creation of Pakistan. So, it cannot be denied that Pakistan has tried unconditionally to promote democratic process. Although, it is true that some problems are deeply rooted, but ~~it cannot be ignored that after the disintegration of USSR, many small countries has fulfilled the promise of democratic process.~~ Thus, it is very clear that Pakistan has failed to fulfil its promises.