

# Essay

## The Impact of Political Interference on Judicial Independence

### Outline

#### A Introduction

##### Thesis Statement:

As independent judiciary is the saviour of democracy and political interference undermines the functioning of Judicial Independence by compromising the principle of separation of powers, which ultimately jeopardizes the rule of law in a democratic society.

#### B. Impacts of political interference on judicial independence

- 1- Compromise of Separation of Powers
2. Erosion of public trust due to political interference

a case study: United States Supreme court appointments.

3. Chilling effect on judges and

impacts on their decision making

a- case in point - Pakistan's judiciary and political pressure

4- Undermines the rule of law

a- case in point - Hungary's judiciary and political interference

5- Decreased foreign investment

6- Lack of judicial authority

7- Reduced accountability of government actions

a- case study - Venezuela's judicial system

8- Increased corruption within the judiciary

a- case study - Brazil's Operation car wash scandal

9- Impacts on legal precedents and case law

a- case study - India's Supreme court and political pressure

10- Judicial appointments influenced by political agendas

a- case study - 26th amendment of Pakistan and appointment of chief justice.

11- political polarization affecting judicial decisions

12- long-term consequences for democracy

a case in point - political turmoil in Pakistan.

C Conclusion