

# Democracy in Pakistan: Hopes and Hurdles

A. Introduction

B. Hopes of Democracy in Pakistan

① Shift in public's attitude from being welcoming to unwelcoming towards military rule.

Case in Point: Distribution of sweets when Gen. Ayub Khan came to power and protests for Musharraf's removal

② Youth engagement and active role in politics

Case in Point: Gov. population is youth and they show interest in political matters and protest when their rights are infringed.

③ Turnout in elections despite the intransparency

Case in Point: 48% people casted vote in general elections 2024

④ Presence of local government bodies in Pakistan

Case in Point:

Fareed Zakaria wrote in "Jinnah of Freedom" Strong local institutions are backbone of healthy democracy

⑤ Existing constitutional framework that advocates democracy is a hope

Case in Point: 1973 constitution that survived despite multiple martial laws.

⑥ Conduction of elections despite political instability.

Case in Point:

Since 2002 regular elections are conducted

Plz write some points about introduction

Try to diversify



## c. Hurdles of Democracy in Pakistan

① Indirect military control from past 77 years.

Case in Point: Numerous military coups and behind-the-scenes influences

② Suffrage issues in the state despite being presence of universal suffrage.

Case in Point: Unregistered CNIC of female voters

③ Presence of controlled media that affects the <sup>authorities of news ultimately</sup> impacting people's right to get news.

Phrase formation is fine

Good

Quite relevant

Case in Point: Practices of media censorship

④ Absence of strong institutional setup and division of power among three branches in a true sense.

Case in Point: 18th amendment made judiciary indirectly under control of ruling party.

⑤ Presence of a subordinate judiciary.

Case in Point: 'retained necessity'

⑥ Illiterate population is another hindrance as they really do not realize importance of democracy.

Case in Point: An estimated 60M population is illiterate thus having no interest in political systems.

⑦ Weak election commission of Pakistan.

Case in Point: Malena Lodhi in Pakistan the search for stability criticized ECP and pointed out on its reforms

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conclusion