

# Democracy in Pakistan: Hopes and Hurdles

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India, America,

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## Hopes for democracy in Pakistan

- (a) Political Stability is crucial for democracy in pale.
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## Conclusion

# Essay

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'Equal rights for all, special privileges for none' (Thomas Jefferson). <sup>this means</sup> According to so, that democracy is providing equal rights to all. There is no speciality for powerful leaders. Although democracy <sup>in part</sup> has faced many ups and downs but now its hoping for best. ~~Few~~. Democracy is still facing challenges like <sup>due to</sup> feudal lord system, illiteracy, political polarization and military intervention in politics. Competent leadership crisis, absence of rule of law and inherited political system are the big hurdles for democracy in Pak. So, there is a need to take several steps like enhancing education, rule of law and political stability <sup>Pak</sup> we can achieve democracy so, there is a hope to achieve democracy with the abolishment of inherited political system, and by free and fair elections. In a nutshell democracy in Pak counter both hopes and hurdles

Feudal lord system is a big hurdle in the way of democracy. Feudal lords buy the votes of landless poor people. They get votes with bribery. Because of illiteracy and need of money to make those poor people an easy prey to these feudal lords.

According to ADB, almost 24% people live below poverty line. Hence, it is proved that the feudal lord system is a threat in the way of democracy.

Similarly, one of the biggest hurdles is illiteracy. People are unaware of the importance of their vote. They ~~can not~~ are unable to differentiate the competent and incompetent leaders due to lack of education and awareness. The literacy rate in Pak is 59.3% (Economic Survey of Pak). So, it is clear that illiteracy is a major hurdle in the way of democracy.

likewise political polarization is another issue in democratic way. there are continual conflicts between political parties and use of immoral words and harsh language for each other. For instance, PtI, PMLN and PP. these are the big parties. in pale. PMLN is <sup>now</sup> going into power and prisoned PtI leader and its workers, similarly when PtI was in power in past it treated the same way as doing PMLN now. So, political polarization is a barrier to in the way of democracy.

on the same way, lack of free and fair election is hurdle in democracy. Election is the best way to allow the public to choose their representative. unfortunately, political power is used in elections. Elections remain no more fair and transparent. For instance, the recent election 2024, held on 8, february, but result declared in

gradually almost took a week. And the alteration in results later one day a candidate declare winner and the other as loser made the elections questionable? Hence, it is a big challenge for democracy.

In the same way, inherited political system prevail in Pak, that is a big hurdle in the way of democracy. People of Pak have seen few feudal lords as their rulers since 1947. Only those few leaders have ruled on Pak and transfer their power to their children.

For instance PMLN, Nawaz Sharif remained (presides) Prime minister for year, then he shifted the power to his brother, Shebaz

Sharif and now Maryam Nawaz is the CM of Pak. Similarly, in

PP, After Zardari, now his son Bilawal is ruling. So, the question is, is there no any other competent leader been

in the history of Pakistan out of these few elite class leaders? So, it is a dilemma in the democratic history of Pakistan.

Although democracy in Pakistan facing hurdles but by free and fair elections, rule of law and proper education Pakistan could become a democratic country. By following suggested remedies these hurdles can be removed. There is a big hope Pakistan will see democracy in its true sense. It is never too late to pledge for a new change to create a new tomorrow, where there is a will there is always a way, regardless of the obstacles and hindrance we can achieve our goals.