

Political Polarization and Social Cohesion in Pakistan

1. Introduction

2. What is Political Polarization and Link with Social Cohesion

3. Reasons for Political Polarization in Pakistan

- a. Illiterate Masses
- b. Populace Politics
- c. Race and class Conflicts
- d. Inter-Provincial Issues: Division of resources, etc.
- e. Politics of division on the bases of Ethnic^s, Language, Religions

4. Negative Impacts on Social Cohesion in Pakistan

- a. Dangerous for federation
- b. Supports Provincialism instead of Nationalism
- c. Local interests prevails over national interest: Issue of Kalabagh dam
- d. Provides opportunities to enemies to exploit these conflicts: Kalboshan Yedew, Propaganda of India over Balochistan
- e. Became a way towards extremist and separatist movements
- f. Dismemberment of Pakistan into Pakistan & Bangladesh was a result of political polarization having negative impact on social cohesion.

5. Suggestions and way forward

- a. Educate youth
- b. Following the guidance of Quaid
- c. Equity and Equality among provinces and parts of provinces
- d. Promotion of local governments
- e. Implementation of 18th amendment in true letter and spirit to promote nationalism through inter-provincial harmony.
- f. ~~For~~ Ensuring transparent governance

6. Conclusion