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# English Essay

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Topic:-

Polarised Politics: Issues and challenges of democracy in Pakistan.

## OUTLINE

### 1. Introduction

**Thesis Statement:** The polarised politics is serious issue and challenge to democracy of Pakistan. It divides the nation on the basis of ethnicity, language and other nations. The political leaders have to play role in shaping the character of nation.

### 2. Correlation between polarised politics and democracy in Pakistan.

### 3. How polarised politics is challenge to democracy of Pakistan.

a). Extremism nourish among people.

b). Eradication of tolerance among people.

c). Increase in chaos in society.

d). Disintegrity in nation.

Disintegration

e). Threats to sovereignty of country ✓  
 4. What are issues of democracy in Pakistan due to Polarised Politics.

a). Political crisis will raise

b). Increase in ethnic issues ✓

c). Language Barrier

d). Issue of terrorism ✓

e). Disharmony among political leaders ✓

f). No political party accept other party in government.

g). Major issues faced by country can't be resolved.

5. Solutions to issues of democracy in Pakistan.

a). Role of political leader ✓

b). Educate the nation ✓

c). Awareness among the people ✓

d). Teaching of Islam

e). Unity among the people ✓

6. ~~Solution~~ Conclusion.

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" Since 1947, after the independence of Pakistan, no prime minister of Pakistan has completed his tenure till now. This history shows democratic crisis of Pakistan and one of the major issue faced by Pakistan till now. This leads towards the polarised politics which worked as blockade in prosperity of Pakistan. The major challenges faced by democracy of Pakistan due to polarised politics are extremism, chaos, damage to sovereignty, disintegrity and vanishing of tolerance in people. The issues of democracy of Pakistan are language barrier, ethnicity, terrorism, political crisis, unacceptance of government by opposition parties, and disharmony among the political elite. These issues can be resolved by acting upon teaching of Islam, unity among people, awareness, educating people

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and positive role of political leader. The polarised politics is serious issues and challenge for democracy of Pakistan. It divides the nation on the basis of ethnicity, language and other notions. The political leaders have to play role in shaping the character of nation.

"The after math of military marshal law in history of Pakistan has damaged the democracy in Pakistan." There is correlation between the democracy of Pakistan and polarised politics. They are directly proportional to each other. The crisis of democracy raises due to polarised politics.

With the passage of time, polarised politics gained much significance and influenced the democracy of Pakistan. Pakistan has never learned from its history which is major cause of democratic crisis.

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The polarised politics become the cause of nourishing of extremism among the people which is serious challenge to the unity of nation and democracy of Pakistan. The political leaders of different parties utilizes the emotions of people by raising the slogans of ethnicity and islam. This make the nation extremist.

"Clashes in Pakistan after TLP takes several police hostage"

(ALJazeera, 18-04-2021). The political party used islamic emotion and challenged the writ of state.

As time passes, the tolerance among the people is eradicating due to polarised politics. The political leaders motivates their followers to riot against the state. Their followers do not listen any statement against them which demolishes the basic principle of

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democracy due to which crises become the fortune of country. MQM former leader Altaf Hussain encourages his followers in his speech to riot against the state in Karachi.

The society become chaotic due to law and order situation in country. Due to some national issue, a group of any political party blockade the roads which caused stress in the country. This effected the business and life cycle as well. The state have to tackle it. This also create the issue for smooth flow of democracy in Pakistan. "TLP blocked the roads in all cities." (Al Jazeera, (13-04-2021)). This all creates chaos in the society.

The integrity of nation falls due to polarized politics. The integrity of nation ables

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the democracy to work smoothly but if unity of nation falls then democracy also fall and vice versa. This also influence other factors which play important role in flourishing the prosperity of country.

"United We Stand,  
Divided we Fall"  
(AESOP)

The sovereignty of country all depends upon the working of democracy of country. The developed countries are running on road of prosperity as they give importance to democracy. They know that without democracy, all economic, social, political and all issues will become significant.

"Democracy cannot succeed unless those who express their choice are prepared to choose wisely. The real safeguard of democracy, therefore, is education."  
(Franklin D. Roosevelt).

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The political crisis will be raised due to polarised politics. As political crisis is a major issue for democratic situation in current era. If political parties and their followers will not listen anyone, this will cause political crisis as there will be no debates of one political party with other. "According to office of BNP, since 2009 more than 138,000 cases have been filed against more than 5 million leaders, activists and supporters of BNP and its member organization."

The polarised politics also uses ethnic issues for their personal interest and divides the nation on the basis of ethnicity. This is one of the basic issues of Pakistan as nation is divided on basis of Punjabi, Balochi, Sindhi, Pathan as well.



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This makes the people to fight against each other. In 1988 elections in Pakistan, N-league leader Nawaz Sharif make slogan "Jag Punjabi Jag, lag gya teri paghari nu dhag."

Avoid mentioning names of political leaders

The language barrier is also one of the major cause democracy crises. As language plays important role in communication and political awareness all depends upon interaction with people. This causes barrier as if punjabi don't know how to speak sindhi and vice versa.

So, it is necessary to curb out this issue. "Language is the biggest barrier to human progress because language is an encyclopedia of ignorance. Old perceptions are frozen into language and force us to look at the world in an old fashioned way."

(Edward de Bens)

The terrorism issue also raise when enemy see the political chaos in the country. As people are divided on the basis of their personal interest and woe consider it an opportunity and attack the sovereignty of the country in order to create distress in society. This leads the nation towards the disaster. "Four die as bomb rips through PTI rally in Sibi." (The Express Tribune, 30-01-2024)

The disharmony among political leaders is the basic cause of polarised politics. As every leader blames other for the worst situation of country and alleges them as corrupt political leaders. This has become norm that the ruling party of country put his opposition into the jail for personal satisfaction. The current situation and condition of Pakistan

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is depicting all these stories.  
"According to political news outlet  
Axios, since 1980, about half of  
the world's countries have had  
former leaders jailed or prosecuted."

No political party accept  
other party in government is also  
aspect to damage democracy in country.  
It has become norm that every  
strong opposition party protest against  
the ruling party and not let  
the government to work properly. This  
causes issue for economy and  
distort the image of country. The  
country has to pay huge cost  
for this unethical behavior. "In 2014,  
PTI protested against the ruling  
party for more than 3 months.  
Due to their protest, the tour  
of Chinese president cancelled in  
which major economic agreements  
were to be done."

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The major issues faced by country can not be resolved if it is having democratic crisis. The polarised politics do not let their followers to get united at one point for the sake of interest of Pakistan rather they make their followers to see others from their side. This cause hyper tension situation in country. The major issues of country like economic, energy and national project can not be proceeded without unity of nation. "Pakistan's parliament rejected a major Anti-money laundering bill, claiming the government had left out the opposition's amendments."

(The Diplomat, 28-08-2020).

The role of political leaders are very important to curb out the polarised politics from roots. This is best solution to let

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the democracy flourish. As the democratic country can travel from under developed countries to developed countries by making strong policies. The political leaders should give the <sup>lesson</sup> of national integrity and shape the character of the nation. "I have cherished the ideal of a democratic and free society in which all person live together in harmony and with equal opportunities. It is ideal which I hope to live for and to achieve."

(Nelson Mandela).

The educated nation can help to get out of democratic crisis. As they will help the country by choosing the political leaders for betterment of country. They come to know the power of their vote. The illiteracy is one of the major issue for under-developed

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countries. So, ~~the~~ ~~govt~~ The govt have to raise awareness of education so that they can understand by themselves that how political leaders use their followers for their interest.

"Pakistan has the world's second highest number of out of school children with an estimated 22.8 million children aged 5-16 not attending school." (UNICEF report)

The awareness should be raised among the people - that they should know their responsibility and under the basic issues of their country. According their issues, they should elect the right person and rewrite them despite of that to which ethnic they belong or which party they support. This is the ultimate solution of these problems.

"Overall voter turnout across the nation was 51.7 percent" (ECP report, 2018 election)

Teaching of Islam can also be a solution to these problems. As Islam says that disagree with other arguments is good thing but you have to stay united as Muslim. The *riyasat-e-Madina* is best example that how it was governed by diplomacy. The Islam religion has guided us for all aspect of life whether it is related to practical life or to individual life.

"There is no compulsion in religion."  
(2:256, Quran).

Unity is the best policy to prosper in life. Unity can take you from ground towards sky and can lead towards success. So, it is necessary - that rather we divide on basis of belief and ideology, we should remain united and play a pivot role in prosperity of country.

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In a nutshell, the polarised politics has negative influence on democracy and it causes issues and challenges to the democracy of Pakistan. The issues raised due to polarised politics are disintegrity among nation, political crisis, ethnic issues and other as well. This challenges the sovereignty in country and create chaotic environment in country. These issues can be tackled by making proper policy for democratic environment in country and learn from our history as well.

"Democracy is necessary to peace and to undermining the forces of terrorism."

(Benazir Bhutto)



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