

# Political Polarization and Social Cohesion in Pakistan

1. Introduction

2. What is Political Polarization and Link with Social Cohesion <sup>its</sup>

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<sup>s</sup>, Language, Religions

4. Negative Impacts on Social Cohesion in Pakistan

a. Dangerous for federation

b. Supports Provincialism instead of Nationalism

c. Local interests prevail over national interest: Issue of Kalabagh dam

d. Provides opportunities to enemies to exploit these conflicts: Kalboshan Vedew, 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 18<sup>th</sup> amendment in true letter and spirit to promote nationalism through inter-provincial harmony. ✓
- f. ~~For~~ Ensuring transparent governance ✓

## 6. Conclusion

Address the topic more comprehensively