

# Democracy is for the Educated ones

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4.4 Educated people participate in state led economic activities.

4.5 Knowledgeful persons makes policy-makers accountable through checks and balances.

4.6 Educated ones endorse the rudimentary principles of democracy i.e. rule of law, equality, and freedom of expression.

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6. All is not lost yet. Methodologies to revamp not only education process but also flourish democracy

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## Essay:

In Plato's cave, people were bound to see only those symbols which were depicted on the wall. They did not aware of the real world. Their ignorance plummeted them into the state of delusion. Same is the case of democracy in which only educated ones know how to drive it. For those, who have little education, democracy remains beyond their imagination. There is no denying the fact that education and democracy are inextricably linked with each other. If one fails to prevail, other will plunge into abyss. It happens, because, it educated<sup>s</sup> people about their electoral vote. Today, many developing nations like Pakistan are facing dire consequences of inept use of vote. People elect insincere representatives because of education gap. However, those, who have education, makes people accountable for their actions. That results into growing pace of democracy in the country. An irony of the fact is that inspite of world's growing literacy rate, democracy is still crippling. With the incessant rise in populist leaders, not only uneducated people but also people of rational are falling in the trap of populism. It is resulting into wanning people's faith in democracy. Moreover, ~~prevail~~ prevailing menace of poverty is also becoming stummbing block for democracy rise. It is true that the survival of democracy is only possible through educated brains because of their pragmatic use.

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of dissent, pertinent handling of political polarization, and student lens of accountability.

Although some factors<sup>are</sup> hindering the very process of democracy, rational approaches in uplifting education can prove instrumental for democracy.

In this regard, providing education equality and ~~mass aware~~ establishing awareness programs ~~are~~ <sup>can become</sup> essential aspects for flourishing democracy. There is no denying that success of people is inevitably the success of democracy.

Before going into deep discussion of the topic, it is pertinent to explore the relations of democracy and education. In the ancient times, the Greeks ~~were~~ incorporated the true essence of democracy. They were the most educated people of that time. It is also in the core concept of democracy that it is for the people, by the people, and of the people. Therefore, if people are enough educated, only then, they can make democracy survived. Education opens the brain of people that helps them knowing the prerequisites of democracy.

However, there are some thinkers and believers that are relegating education sole in the survival of democracy. ~~They thought that~~ They think that ~~everyman~~ <sup>everyone</sup> ~~have~~ has adequate

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knowledge of ~~their~~<sup>his</sup> fundamental rights. That makes him aware of the basic principles of democracy. To illustrate their stance, they provided the example of Social Contract ~~of~~<sup>of</sup> the late 16th century. People made social agreement to prevent exploitation of fundamental rights. Like democratic constitutions, their Social contract came up with a instance of community binding. Although counter-perspective is true to some extents, its validity has been diminished since the dawn of the 21st-century. Today, democracy is only survived through educated brains. Following ~~the~~ paragraphs will provide deep view about 'democracy is for the educated ones'.

<sup>of stance</sup> The first and the foremost manifestation is the appropriate use of electoral vote. People having education about worth of vote, they uses it accordingly. There is no doubt, democracy flourishes via people. Without the educated people, democracy turns into tyranny. Hamid Khan in his book: Constitutional and Political History of Pakistan stated that only true and rational elections can save the democratic norms. Today, various countries, particularly developing nations are witnessing hybrid form of democracy. It is because of immature minds of people who use their voting right inappropriately. Therefore, it is true that only educated ones can uphold.



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true spirit of democracy.

In corollary to ~~voting~~ suffrage, healthy minds elect those people who in return give people-centric policies. In every democracy, parliament is the voice of people. Those who are in parliament represent common men in policy making. To enhance democratic pace, educated ones help ~~choosing~~ uplifting democracy through pragmatic representatives. For instance, if a country wants to make climate policies, how can it be possible? It needs educated people who can devise the policy. With the help of these healthy and innovative minds, the country can take pragmatic actions. Thus, the democracy <sup>will</sup> only enhance if the educated young sit in the parliament.

Along with providing pragmatic representatives, educated people can fight political polarization which is an existential threat to democracy. Today, political polarization is threatening democracy. People having low education or ~~having~~ uneducated at all, they are more prone to political fight. As, constructive criticism is the backbone of democracy, but lack in education paves the way for political enmity. That results into people's waning faith in

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democracy. To illustrate this, the book: How Democracies Die, stated that political polarization germinates in that <sup>region</sup> where ethical education lacks. Therefore, educated minds having ethical education can save the democratic culture. Why are developing nations falling behind in democratic culture? Has Trump in spite of education relegated his role?

Besides upholding constructive criticism, democracy is <sup>ensures</sup> ~~the~~ ~~name~~ public participation. Knowledgeful persons enhance democratic process through active participation in economic activities. It not only uplifts people well being but also assures democratic culture. On the contrary, nation states, having meager public participation, are less developed. It is because of their inadequate literacy rate. There is no denying that education makes people skilled and aware of their role. With their active role in participating economic activities, their torch bearing minds will help <sup>upholding</sup> true essence of democracy.

Moreover, people having knowledge put checks on policy makers. As accountability is one of the prerequisites of democracy, educated people makes people accountable for their actions. In the late 20th century, people in America protested against the



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Washington's policy on Vietnam. In a result, the government decided to end the war. Moreover, people got to the streets in India against the back drop of CAA policy of BJP government. It is only done because of people's educated minds that ~~put~~ make their <sup>leaders</sup> accountable. Ergo, healthy minds are the real ~~adv~~ advocates of democracy.

In the same vein, it is education that makes people aware of democracy. They uphold the fundamental principles like rule of law and freedom of expression. With the view of equality, educated ones make democracy survived. Democracy endorses the freedom of speech. If someone is not know about its fundamental rights, how can he <sup>enjoy</sup> ~~express~~ the true spirit of democracy? To illustrate this, in 2019, people in UK voted for Brexit. That ultimately happened, and people got their fundamental right of expression. That is why educated people are the true driver of democracy.

Last but not the least, only educated people become the voice of voiceless. In democracy everyone has equal rights and equal voice. However, due to insufficient access ~~for~~ to education, they remain unaddressed in

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their whole life. Here comes the role of educated ones who become the brain of other in order to reap the fruits of democracy. It is, therefore, people who have enough knowledge can prove instrumental for democracy. Why is the democracy crippling? In spite of mass educated people, why has democracy failed to foot-hold?

There are several factors that have jolted the very process of democracy. Firstly, the rise of populism is debunking the democratic culture. Not only uneducated people but also men of rational are also becoming prey of populist leaders. Slogans like 'US versus them' and 'Make America great. Again' are causing immense damage to the very fabric of democracy. Today, the world has more healthy minds than that of 20th century, but the democracy is still in paranoia. Though educated people can save the democracy, yet they require deep look into democracy. Thus, it can be said that populist leaders are derauling the process of democracy.

This threat of populism emanated from deep-rooted inequality - led poverty around the globe. Today, poor is becoming more poor, and rich is surpassing its own wealth. That ingrained poverty is undermining democracy.

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People, instead of getting education, are struggling for sustenance. For example, in Pakistan, people ~~do~~ not care about education, but they send their children for work. It is because of earning bread and butter. This entrenched poverty has misguided people from getting education. In a result, democracy is witnessing faltering stocks.

Along with poverty, west-led Coersive model of democracy also put democracy future on stake. Instead of providing basic education, developed nations adopted model of democracy that not only <sup>will</sup> create havoc but also put democracy in shambles. For example, American model of democracy in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria urged the people to think of viability of democracy. They started advocating strict measures instead of chanting for democratic slogans. Has liberal democracy failed to prevail despite educated minds? Is there any way to revamp the process of democracy through setting education goal?

All is not lost yet. It is pertinent to provide education to all before giving them democratic charter. Atleast, people should be

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given enough knowledge to look from the lens of democracy. For instance, if a driver does not know about driving, how can he safely reach at the destination? Today more than 45 percent women in Pakistan are illiterate. They do not aware of their political rights. With this huge illiteracy rate, democracy can not survive prolong. Therefore, the policy makers should give priority towards educating masses before establishing democratic culture.

Second, in order to uphold the democratic culture, equality in education should be made need of the hour. Today, around the world, there is deep-rooted inequality in education. Developed nations are far more educated than developing nations. Thus, to ~~enhance the~~ enjoy euphoric nature of democracy, inequality in education should be curtailed. Will equality in education provide healthy brains? Does equality matter in democracy.

Third factor that can be beneficial for the democracy is provision of mass awareness in people about the importance of democracy and education. In most of the countries, education is not <sup>the</sup> basic element of society. For example, if the country has just 62 percent literacy rate, what



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could be expected in those regions. Ergo, it is the duty of the stakeholders to provide mass awareness to people for getting education. It is because only education can flourish the democracy.

Last but not the least, exploitation of developing nations should be curbed. Today, globalization-led exploitation has created the sense of distrust among nation states. That has sabotaged the path of democratic glory. Most of the nation states are witnessing biasness of developed that are leading towards trust-deficit. Although it has<sup>is</sup> not directly linking ~~towards~~ education, curbing ~~at~~ exploitation can be beneficial for upliftment of democracy.

To conclude, democracy only flourishes in educated nations. People who ~~are~~ have enough education, are witnessing the democratic rise. Notwithstanding the crippling effects that have frequently jolted the democratic culture, it has survived. It is because of educated people. They not only know about rightful use of their electoral vote but also help alleviating political polarization. With the lens of

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democracy, they make people accountable for their policies. Moreover, through the freedom of opinion, they participate in policy making which is the hall mark of democracy.

In the same vein, they elect men of rational that can enhance and save the fabric of democracy. However, the culture of democracy needs healthy minds, but ~~the~~ democracy <sup>can</sup> still face the bottlenecks.

It is happening due to prevailing poverty and inequality around the globe. Therefore, it is

high time to coalesce around new

belief, one that not only addresses the

issue of educating people but also upholds the

democratic culture, in order to navigate the

~~peep~~ peaceful future of the world.