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Topic: The Power of Social Media: Shaping Political Discourse in the Digital Age
Outline

A. Introduction

1. Jack Jean Rousseau Formation of society
2. Modern political system
3. Thesis statement

B. An Overview of the Term Social Media

C. Social Media Can Aid in Shaping Political Discourse in the Digital Age For Betterment

1. Highlighting Gender Disparity in Politics

a. Women in politics are given ministries of less importance

b. Kulsoom Bibi and Rasheed Bibi U-C1 case highlighted

2. Right to Information No more a Distant Dream

a. Exercising article 19(A) in full spirits

b. Norway has enabled people to exercise right to information

3. Accountability of Political Elite has become Possible ✓

a. Shahzeb Murder case was pursued due to mobilization through discourse ✓

4. Aiding Authorities in Maintaining Rule of Law ✓

a. Police action against radical religious clerics in Faisalabad ✓

5. Minorities Have Been Able to Safeguard their Rights ✓

a. Hindu Diwali Festival security was possible through discourse ✓

6. Government Institutions have Become More Responsive ✓

a. Questioning on Social Media lead to formation of Pakistani citizen portals ✓

~~D. Social Media Can be Detrimental in Shaping Politics~~

D. Political Discourse in Social Media Can be Detrimental ✓

1. Derailment of Democracy: Unbridled Freedom of Speech Due to

a. Case study of Arab Spring ✓

2. Promoting Hate Speech in Order to Destroy Vote Bank

a. Case study of Iftikhar Omar U.S. Representative

3. A Platform that Can Boost Political Nationalism

a. Turmoil in Multi-ethnic Society

E. Recommendation in Order to Curb the Detrimental Effects of Social Media

1. Self Regulation of Social Media Platforms

2. Bringing Social Media Under Law of the Land

a. Netz DGi Law of Germany Fined Facebook with 50 million Euros

3. Educating Public about the Ethics of Using Social Media

F. Conclusion

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Essay

According to Jack Jean Rousseau people were living and enjoying the nature without a society. Population explosion created a lot of issues for them that they could not solve by themselves. Thus, they surrendered some of their rights in order to safeguard their ^{other} rights. In this way a group was entrusted with a task to ensure ^{the} safety of others. This was the first political system. Modern political system values the public opinion, and the technological advancement is aiding in this process. Social media has enabled the common people to speak on different topics while government takes their opinion. Public discourse on social media regarding politics have aid the state in making raprimands. It is through political discourse on social media that made possible for people to highlight gender disparity in politics. In addition, right of people to ^{access} public information is no more a distant dream. Moreover, it

helped the government to maintain the rule of law. However, some people argue that political discourse on social media has detrimental effects. For instance, democracies can be derailed due to unbridled freedom of speech. Furthermore, it can destroy the vote bank of minorities during elections by promoting hatespeech. But these trivial issues can be eliminated by self regulation of social media. Moreover, educating public about ethics of using social media can also help in overcoming the detrimental effect. The above discussion proves that social media can aid the authorities through political discourse on social media. Some of the detrimental effects can be mitigated by following recommendations in letter and spirits.

~~Coming paragraph will give an overview of term social media.~~