

Political Polarization

Governance and Society

a) Introduction

Political Polarization has put the social fabric and governance structure at risk.

b) Definitions / Key Terms

c) What are the Causes of Political Polarization?

d) How Governance is affected by Political polarization?

(i) Political witchhunting/victimization through the state machinery

(ii) Lack of Policy continuity

(iii) Risk of Political Instability

(iv) Globally Perception is distorted

(v) State machinery/institutions lose their neutrality

(vi) Risk of derailment, if polarization grows stronger

e) How Society is affected by Political Polarization?

(i) Tolerance and Compassion vanish from the Society

(ii) Difference of Opinion isn't respected among members

(iii) Critical Thinking and Objectivity take a hit

(iv) Division and Fissures in society take place

(v) 'Either you are with us, or against us' mentality takes hold.

(vi) If polarization continues, anarchy will prevail.

e) Politically Polarized Societies and Governments throughout history and contemporary Examples

(i) Present Day America's Biden Vs Trump

(ii) Nazi Germany in and before WW2

(iii) Far right resurgence in modern Europe

(iv) Modi's India

(g) Conclusion.