

lack of education breeds ignorance, mob mentality, undermines the informed citizenship, makes democratic participation impossible, creates power-imbalance, restricts social change, hinders civic engagement, ~~and~~ discourages growth of civil society, free media and critical thinking which are the soul principles of true democracy worldwide. In contrast to this, different trajectories show that true democracy can only flourish with quality education. Countries like Norway, Sweden, Finland enjoys 100% literacy rate with functional democracy. Although, comprehensive reforms are needed of the hon, to drive education with democracy in partnership, which includes support teacher training and development programs, foster education technology and integration, promote inclusive education and emphasize on critical thinking and media literacy.



# INTRODUCTION:

Sana, a citizen wanted to vote in a local election, but couldn't read the ballot due to illiteracy. She had to rely on someone else to tell her whom to vote for, undermining her democratic right to make an informed choice. An educated population is the heartbeat of democracy, whereas illiteracy keeps masses away, ignorant to their basic fundamental rights. Throughout history education has been recognized as a corner-stone of democracy. From civil rights movement, American revolution, French revolution to industrialisation it has fostered informed, engaged and critical citizens. History reveals that illiteracy cannot move with democracy side-by-side. Meanwhile,

Example: 60% of students lack basic critical thinking skills. UNESCO.

e) Autonomy of ~~stud~~ schools allowing them for innovation and flexibility.

b) emphasise on early childhood education.

g) Develop student participation in decision making through student unions and councils.

h) Investing more on educational infrastructure.  
example: Norway 10% of GDP.

**CONCLUSION:**



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Comprehensive reforms to drive education with democracy together in tandem.

a) support teacher training and development programs.

Example: 69% of teachers lack adequate training UNESCO.

b) Foster education, technology and integration.

Example: 43% schools lack internet access worldwide.

c) Promote Inclusive education.

Example: 1-5 children with disabilities are out of school worldwide.

d) Emphasize on critical thinking and media literacy.



a) lack of education restricts accountability of public representation in a democratic polity.

b) Popularity of ignorance stimulates intolerance towards dissent and minority.  
Example: "myanmar".

4 The different trajectory of developed - developing and under-developed nations reveal that true democracy comes through quality education.

a) Developed countries: functioning democracy and universal literacy.  
Example: Norway. ranks 1st democracy with 100% literacy rate.

b) Developing nations: struggling democracy and average literacy rate.  
Example: Portugal 90% literacy rate, ranks 14th democratic index.

c) under-developed states: authoritarianism and below average literacy rate.

Example: Nigeria literacy rate



democratic decision making process.  
Example: "The Death of Democracy".

c) Unschooling makes  
democratic participation impossible  
Example: "Democracy and Education".

d) Illiteracy is a tool of  
oppression which creates power  
imbalance and restricts social  
change.  
Example: "The Pedagogy of  
the Oppressed".

e) Ignorance hinders civic  
engagement and critical thinking  
Example: "Democracy in America"

f) Illiteracy discourages growth  
of civil society and free  
media.

# Democracy and illiteracy don't move together

## OUTLINE.

### 1 Introduction:

#### Thesis Statement:

Equality, liberty, dignity and tolerance are the fundamentals of democracy. Whereas, illiteracy breeds forces anti-thetical to the evolution, nourishment and consolidation to these noble virtues. However, a solution of this turmoil is the need of the hour.

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### Historical relationship between democracy and education.

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### Why democracy and illiteracy cannot go hand in hand.

a) lack of education breeds ignorance and mob mentality which empowers authoritarianism rule.

Example "India".

"The Republic" plato.

b) Illiteracy undermines the informed citizenship required for