

Biased media is a direct threat to democracy

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3- How is biased media a direct threat to democracy?

3.1 Biased media supports government's flawed policies that threaten democracy

3.2 It manipulates public opinion to favour specific group

3.3 State-controlled media fails to hold powerful people accountable

3.4 It subverts electoral procedures to change the result

3.5 It undermines democracy by distorting

facts and censoring critical voices

3.6 It incites violence by spreading hate speech that endangers democracy

3.7 Biased media engages in sensitive debates that exacerbates social chaos

4- What are the consequences of biased media on democracy?

4.1 Erosion of public trust in democratic institutions

4.2 Deepening societal divide through the spread of radicalized views

4.3 Limiting the access to accurate information

4.4 Enhancing political gridlock and inability to pass the legislation

5- What are the required strategies that ensure unbiased media?

5.1 Regulating media while ensuring transparency

5.2 Encouraging diverse perspectives of media outlets

5.3 Enforcing ethical standards for journalism

6- Conclusion

The democracy of any country suffers a major threat in the presence of biased media. Undoubtedly, biased media subvertes the democratic principles by employing tactics that jeopardizes the real facts and opinions, crucial for thriving democracy. Various countries prefer to control media for attaining their vested interests. As it is aptly said by Gerry Spence, "The casualty of a biased media is the truth, and the second casualty is democracy." In exploring the threats which democracy has to face in the realm of controlled media, various facets have revealed. For instances, the manipulation of public opinion and the intervention in the electoral procedures are the formidable dangers that undermine the true spirit of democracy. These factors erode the transparency and accountability and accountability associated with democracy. Moreover, the erosion of public trust on institutions also takes place due to profound practices of propaganda. Recent examples of widespread campaigns of biased media under Modi's Government in India to spread

anti-Muslim rhetoric and the use of false facts against the European Union's policies during the time of Brexit referendum clearly depict the intentions of government to subvert democratic principles with the help of biased media. Thus, various steps, such as the regulation of media and ethical standards for journalism are necessary to ensure an independent and unbiased media, which would encourage the smooth process of democracy.