

# Democracy in Pakistan: Hopes and hurdles

## EXPOSITORY ESSAY

### Brainstorming

Hopes

Hurdles

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|---|----------------------------|
| → Freedom                               | • Rise of authoritarianism |
| → Educated masses and government        | • Illiterate masses        |
| → Rule of law                           | • Corruption               |
| → Independent and fair elections        | • Intervention of military |
| • Vibrant media                         | • Media manipulation       |
| • Emergence of rational political party | • Dynastic politics        |
| • Equality                              |                            |

### Outline

#### A. Introduction

1. Hook (Plato's ideal state)
2. general statement (Definition, importance of democracy)
3. Thesis: Democracy in Pakistan facing numerous hurdles like weak political institution, polarized politics, deteriorated civil military relations and prevalent illiteracy, however recent electoral reforms, continuity of democratic government, independence of media and Judiciary give hope for true

## B. Hopes in the way of Democracy in Pakistan.

### 1. Freedom

a Freedom of Speech

b Freedom of ~~vote~~ choice

c Freedom of basic right

d Freedom of employment

### 2. Educated masses.

### 3. Rule of Law

a Provision of Justice

b Application of law without any discrimination

c Accountability of elected bodies

### 4. Independent and Fair elections

a unbiased election commission

b emergence of national political party

c ~~Decide~~ successful transition frequent

### 5. Vibrant media and timely elections

a unbiased media

b Follow Journalism ethics

c Focus on all perspectives.

### 6. Equality

a Gender equality

b Social equality

c Racial equality

## C Hurdles in the way of Democracy

### 1. Rise of authoritarianism

- a Rising of feudal system
- b ~~erosion~~ centralizing of power
- c Suppressing dissent and opposition

### 2. Illiterate masses

- a Promoting multilingual and culturally relevant education

~~a~~ b

### 3. Corruption

- a corrupt practices in political parties
- b corrupt electoral system
- c undermine the principles of accountability

### 4. Intervention of military

- a frequent military intervention
- b Strained civil military intervention

### 5. Media Manipulation

- a Media bias in favour of particular political clout
- b Misinformation and disinformation
- c Social media influence

### 6. Dynastic politics

- a suppression of new political parties
- b limiting political competition
- c concentration of powers in 2-3 parties

## D. Conclusion: