

# Mob Justice: A Threat to Rule of Law and Social Order

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(c) Cultural and social triggers, including honor and revenge.

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(a) Erosion of public in the institutions

(b) Weakening of state authority when citizens take the law into their own hands

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## The Essay

Imagine a society where anger and mistrust overpower reason and justice, where an accused person is sentenced not in the court of law, but by the fury of an unrestrained mob. Such scenes are not just tales from history; they are sobering reality, posing a grave threat to the very principles of the rule of law and the social order that binds us together. Mob justice is neither a new issue nor is it a fully settled one. Developed countries are dealing with it successfully. Whereas, developing countries are still struggling. Unfortunately, Pakistan is one of them. The main causes behind mob justice are socio-economic evils: overpopulation, illiteracy, and corruption. Mob justice is a threat to the rule of law as it undermines legal institutions, promotes lawlessness, and impedes justice. It also disrupts the social order by creating a climate of fear and insecurity, breaking down social harmony, and impacting economic and social development. It has far reaching consequences for governance and society which need to be addressed by strategically combating mob justice.