

# Polarized Politics: The issue and challenges of Democracy in Pakistan.

## a) Introduction:-

Explanation of political polarization and its relevance to democracy

### • Context of Pakistan:-

Brief overview of Pakistan's political history and the emergence of polarization

## b) Causes of Political polarization in Pakistan.

### ⇒ Political Elite influence

i) - Role of political elite in shaping narratives and public sentiments

### ii) Corruption and Nepotism:-

Impact of corruption on political trust and governance

### iii) Socioeconomic Factors:-

Economic disparities and their contribution to political divides.

## c) Impact of political polarization:-

### i) Governance challenges

• Policy gaps and decision-making gridlock due to polarized factions

## ii) → Societal Division:-

→ Fragmentation of Society along political lines, leading to intolerance and conflict.

## iii) Threats to Democracy:-

- Erosion of democratic norms and increasing authoritarian tendencies

## d) Case studies:-

### i) Imran Khan's Government

- Examination of polarization during Khan's tenure and the aftermath of his exit

### ii) Historical context:-

Review of past instances of polarization in Pakistani history, such as the 1971 secession of East Pakistan.

## e) Conclusion:-

### i) Summary of key

• Recap the causes, impact and potential solution to polarization.