

Democracy in Pakistan: Challenges and Prospects

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- a) Frequent military interventions
- b) Weak Foreign Policy
- c) Blame Game by Political Parties
- d) Flawed electoral System
- e) Low literacy rate in country
- f) Minimum Female Participation in Politics
- g) Corruption in government sector
- h) Political instability in country
- i) Unending Terrorism in country
- j) Weak role of law

D. Prospects of Democracy in Pakistan

- a) Transparent electoral process
- b) Empowering local government
- c) Participation of marginalized groups in politics

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d) The emergence of an assertive judiciary

E. Conclusion

In the words of Mahatma Gandhi: "Democracy is a system in which the people either directly or through elected representatives, decides what is good for them and their country." Similarly, democracy is a system where power is divided among separate branches of government, with a constitution outlining the limits of each branch. Likewise, democracy in Pakistan is still in its juvenile stage, it is undergoing through many challenges. Since independence the democratic setup in country is facing frequent military interventions. On the other hand the weak foreign policy and the blame game from Political Parties are challenging factors for democracy in Pakistan. Moreover, education is driving force behind an ideal democratic system.

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in, but in Pakistan low literacy rate is major challenge for democracy. The female participation as a voter, representative and candidate in state politics is negligible, which is a serious challenge for democracy in Pakistan. To illustrate the wide acceptance of democracy, the transparent electoral system, empowering the local government and assertive judiciary are important prospects. Although Pakistan's democracy is still in its early stages, facing many challenges, but by emphasizing the necessity of immediate free fair election and improved governance Pakistan can overcome the current political turmoil.

The current state of democracy in Pakistan is mixed bag of positive and negative trends. There are numerous challenges and complexities which have affected the functioning of democratic values. Despite of many challenges the