

Democracy Survives on promises, but collapses on performance

Outline:-

1. Introduction

2. Understanding Democracy: Promises vs. Performance

3. Why Democracy Survives on Promises?

3.1 Electoral campaign filled with visionary manifestos

3.2 Promises create hope among the masses

3.3 Politicians rhetoric behaviour to mobilize public support

3.4 Promises create Emotional Bonds

3.5 Institutions Reinforce promises

4. Why Democracy collapses on Performance?

4.1 Inability to deliver basic governance

4.2 Corruption and inefficiency erode legitimacy

4.3 Economic mismanagement creates discontent

4.4 Judicial and institutional weaknesses

- (i) Reference: Fareed Zakaria
"The Future of Freedom",
Highlights how promises create
"illusions of Democracy"

4.5 Less of public trust

4.6 External and structural pressures

4.7 Politicization and short-term Populism

5. Case Studies

5.1 Pakistan

- (i) Repeated cycle of democratic collapse
- (ii) Public welcomed military takeovers after disappointed with political class

5.2 India

- (i) Democracy sustained because performance balance out Unfulfilled promises.

5.3 Western Democracies (USA, UK)

- (i) Survive despite discontent due to Strong Institutions and accountability
- (ii) Example: Watergate Scandal
accountability restored
Legitimacy

6 Challenges that Hinder the Gap Between Promises and Performance

6.1 Populism and Unrealistic Commitments

6.2 Corruption and Lack of Transparency

- (i) CPI Report of Pakistan:
Pakistan Rank 135th out of 180 countries

6.3 Elite capture and neglect of Common citizens

6.4 Weak Institutions and Rule of Law

6.5 External pressures performance

7. Can Democracy be Sustained

Beyond Promises

7.1 Role of Strong Institution in
weaking performance

7.2 Rule of Law and Accountability
mechanism

7.3 Civic education to create
informed voters

(i) Example of "Denmark
and Sweden" Democratic
Schools.

7.4 Complete creation of debt
Policies through economy boost

(ii) Example of Debt Free
Countries: Hong Kong
Brunei, Macao

7.5 Performance based legitimacy
through Service

8. Recommendation

8.1 Strengthening institutional s
rather than individuals

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8.2 Build own Economy Rather
depend on Institution for loan

8.3 Transparent Electoral process
to reduce populist false
Promises

8.4 Ensuring Meritocracy in Governance

8.5 Citizens Centric Policies for
Health, Education, and
Employment

9. Conclusion