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## Freedom of Speech

Freedom of speech is one of the very basic rights that every democratic country's Constitution guarantees. Freedom of speech in any country helps in uplifting the socio-political and economic standard of the citizens such as people can protest over any unfavorable policy and can even protest in favor of any policy that is favorable to the public in general. Similarly, freedom of speech also opens opportunities for innovation and development of new ideas. People can share their thoughts freely and express themselves which helps in development of new ideas and as it was in the case of Europe at the time of Renaissance which resulted in the development and prosperity of Europe. Apart from these, the freedom of speech can also lead to the establishment of a just society as the people will have the say in state affairs and can protest if any injustice happens. Therefore, freedom of speech is a very fundamental right that is essential for the development and prosperity of any nation.

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The societies where right to freedom of speech was recognized, have flourished. When there is freedom of speech, then the people in power feel accountable before the people as any sort of wrong or unfavorable policy can

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spark public outrage. Similarly, when in any country there is freedom of speech, people can speak about certain policies and attitudes that ultimately lead to betterment in that particular area.

Likewise, freedom of speech also opens ways of development of new ideas and bring about innovations. For example, the European Societies were open for debate and discussion following the Renaissance which led to rapid development and progress of the entire entire European Continent. Similar Contrary to this, the Muslim Kingdoms and their rulers opposed any such attempt that encourage freedom of speech, were soon left behind and became outdated, for example, The Great Ottoman Empire opposed the usage of printing machine when it was revolutionizing the every aspect of European Society. That's why it is true that for development and prosperity the right to freedom of speech is essential.

Apart from above mentioned factors, the freedom of speech can also make a healthy and politically active society as people will have the power to make anything happened and can stop prevent any thing undesirable from happening, for example, the the Turkish military attempted to take over the country

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and impose military rule, however, it was the Turkish public who stood before the military tanks and ultimately led to the back down of the military. In the similar way, when the American military's War Crimes were exposed in Vietnam between 1954 to 1975, then the American public launched mass rallies and compelled the government to withdraw from Vietnam.

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To Sum up, it is true to say that the freedom of speech is one of the very crucial rights that not only pushes a country toward more democratization, but also contributes to the well-being of the public and at ultimately ensures development and prosperity at a broader level.