

# 1. Democratic unrest in Pakistan: Causes and Consequences

## 1. Introduction:

- Democratic ~~unrest~~ is characterised by hindrances ~~is smooth flow of democracy~~.
- Pakistan is long grappling with this menace owing to weak political culture, economic volatility and institutional inefficiency.
- This results in political polarization, short-term policies and economic downturn, which ~~are best countered with education, growth of democratic culture and economic progress~~.

## 2. Understanding the term Democratic Unrest

## 3. Current state of Democratic Unrest in Pakistan

## 4. The main causes leading to Democratic Unrest in Pakistan are:

- 4.1 Legacy of Non-Democratic Governments
- 4.2 Role of Political Parties in Exacerbating Unrest
- 4.3 Compromised Elections and Allegations of Rigging
- 4.4 Volatile Economic Journey
- 4.5 Institutional Inefficiency and Corruption
- 4.6 Denial of Fundamental Rights

## 5. Democratic unrest has been a constant feature in Pakistan, Resulting in dire consequences

- 5.1 Polarization on Political Lines
- 5.2 Ineffective Policy-making and Short-term Planning
- 5.3 Mass Demonstrations and Chaos



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5.4 Economic Boom-and-Bust Cycles

5.5 Tarnished Global Image of Pakistan

5.6 Intolerant Society

6. The Menace of Democratic Unrest  
can be Effectively Countered by:

6.1 Impartial, Free and Fair Elections

6.2 Education and Growth of Democratic Culture

6.3 Sustainable Economic Growth

7. Conclusion



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Democratic flow is indispensable for the holistic growth of a nation. Democratic unrest, on the contrary, impedes progress due to the inherent instability, economic downturn and institutional inefficiency it brings. Unfortunately, Pakistan has constantly faced democratic unrest since its inception; weak political culture, legacy of non-democratic governments and unsustainable economic growth are the main drivers in case of Pakistan. This has not only curtailed democratic evolution but also led to diverse impacts across economic, social and political domains. Resultantly, the country is still struggling to rid itself of this menace. The polarization on political lines, institutional ineffectiveness, short-term policies and economic volatility are the core consequences stemming from legacy of non-democratic governments, controversial elections and non-uniform economic growth. However, a beacon of light is there in the form of growing democratic culture, economic growth and education.



# ⇒ Natural Resources: Blessing or Curse?

## 1. Introduction

- The natural resources including coal, oil, natural gas and rare earth minerals can lead to long-term growth and development.
- These are a natural blessing which can be prevented from turning into curse through sustainable use and equitable growth.

## 2. The Major Natural Resources and their Role in Development

### 3. The Fair Usage of Natural Resources can Amount to Long-term Blessing:

- 3.1 A huge potential of economic growth for the nation
- 3.2 They also enhance economic opportunities
- 3.3 The state can channel natural resources towards its role of welfare
- 3.4 Foreign Investment can be attracted for long-term growth
- 3.5 Effective use of natural resources can lead to external and internal sovereignty
- 3.6 A prosperous society is rich with prospects of peace
- 3.7 Self-sufficiency can raise global standing of a nation
- 3.8 The fair and equitable usage ensures smooth flow of democracy.
- 3.9 There is a huge space for investment in education, health and human development.
- 3.10 Enhanced quality of life brings national unity and spirit of cooperation.

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4. While some may argue that Natural Resources can Turn into a Curse, Effective Governance can Ensure Blessings.

4.1 The exploitation can lead to sporadic growth giving way to polarization, but efficient governance ensures equitable use

4.2 Excessive exploitation can result in climate catastrophe, but policies can ensure sustainable utilization

5. Pakistan sits on Significant Natural Reserves waiting for Utilization

6. Conclusion



Natural resources can act as a catalyst and fuel the growth of a society. There are significant examples to suggest that humanity has prospered from equitable and sustainable use of natural reserves across regions. However, history also bears witness to horrific wars in the name of ownership which has led to utter destruction. Although, some might argue that the presence of natural resources is a curse; effective, equitable and sustainable utilization can yield long-term economic growth, attract foreign investment, political stability and human development. Thus, the blessings are conditional, depending upon good governance to ensure fair usage to stimulate growth. Countries like Pakistan sit on huge natural wealth waiting to be explored. Only the efficient use for uniform growth can enrich the future and fortunes of a nation.