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# Digital Democracy: Social Media and Political Participation

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## OUTLINE

### A. INTRODUCTION:

#### Thesis Statement:

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In the modernized era of Artificial Intelligence (AI), which has evolved the world more prosperously, digital democracy is established through Social media platforms that caused increase in participation of people by increasing their awareness.

### B. How Digital Democracy is Achieved through Social Media Usage that Increases Political Participation:



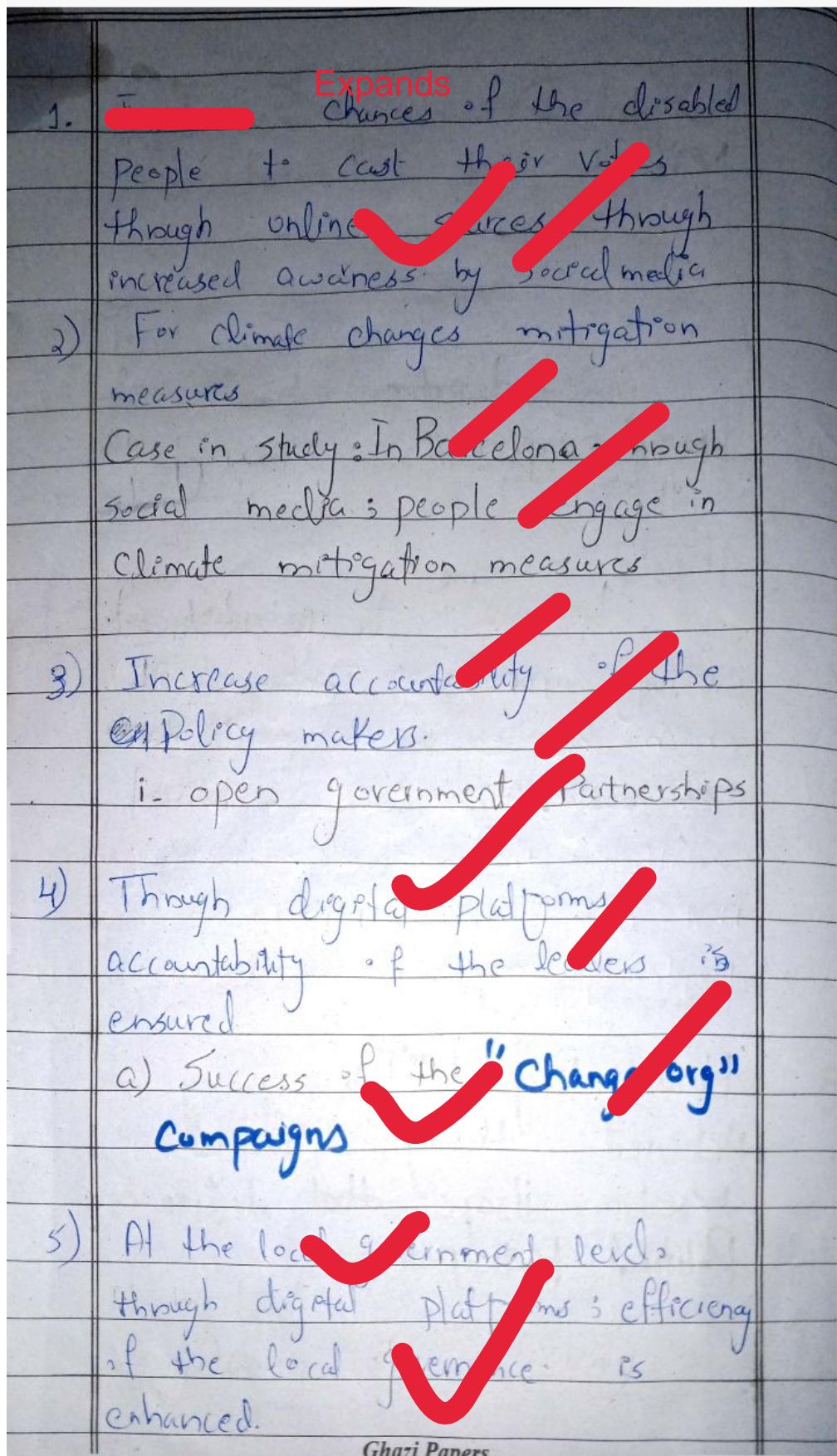
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1. a) Study by Harvard Kennedy School - responsive governance is established.

b) In digital democracy, through social media awareness & equal participation of both men and women in the inclusive democratic process.

a) Report by UNESCO on Gender and Media

7) Efficient delivery of ensuring justice by providing digital platforms for the opinions of general public.

8) Effectivity of the juvenile justice system through digitalised system is ensured.

a) Study by National Centre for Juvenile Justice shows that by digital system "recidivism" is reduced by 20%.

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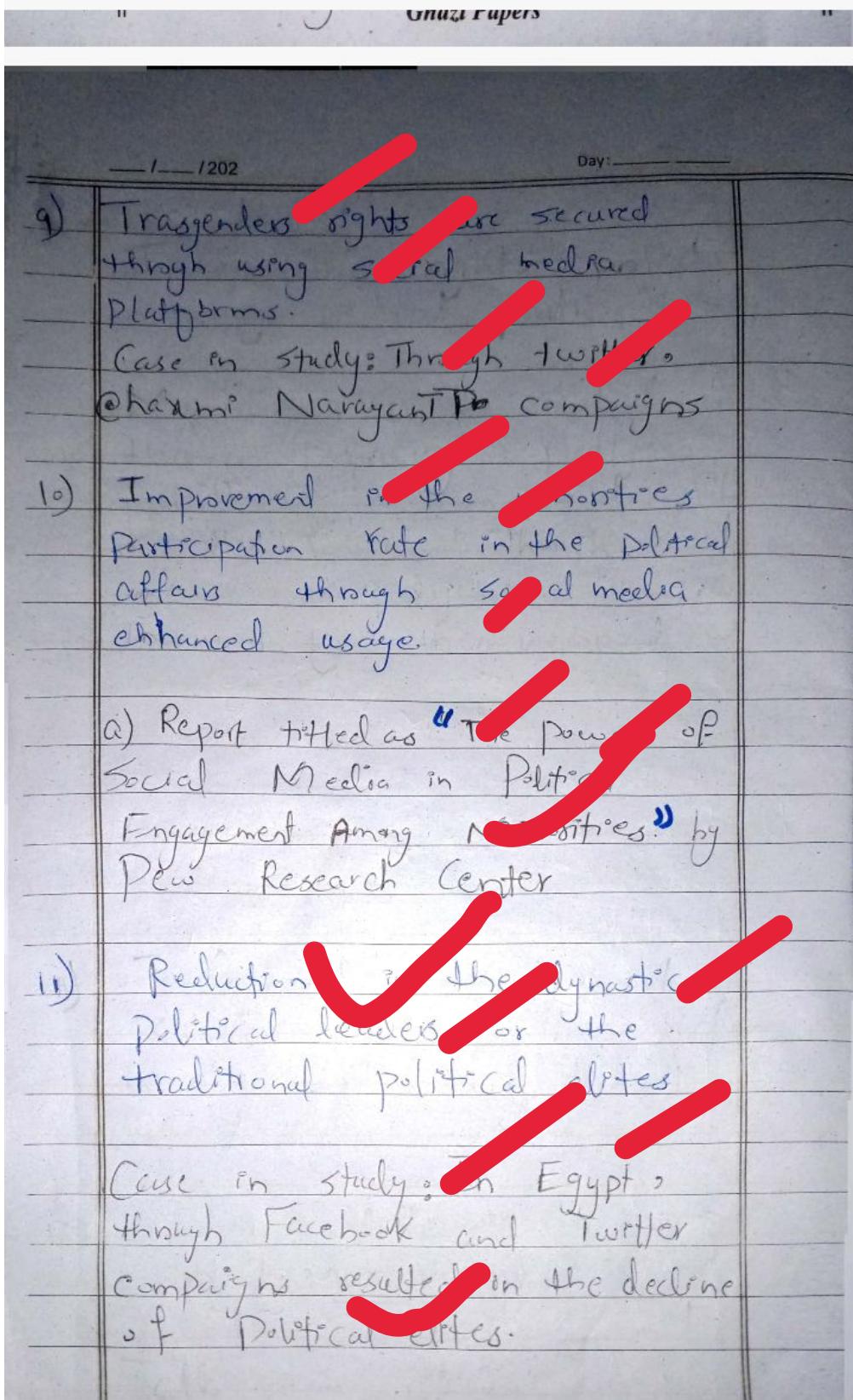
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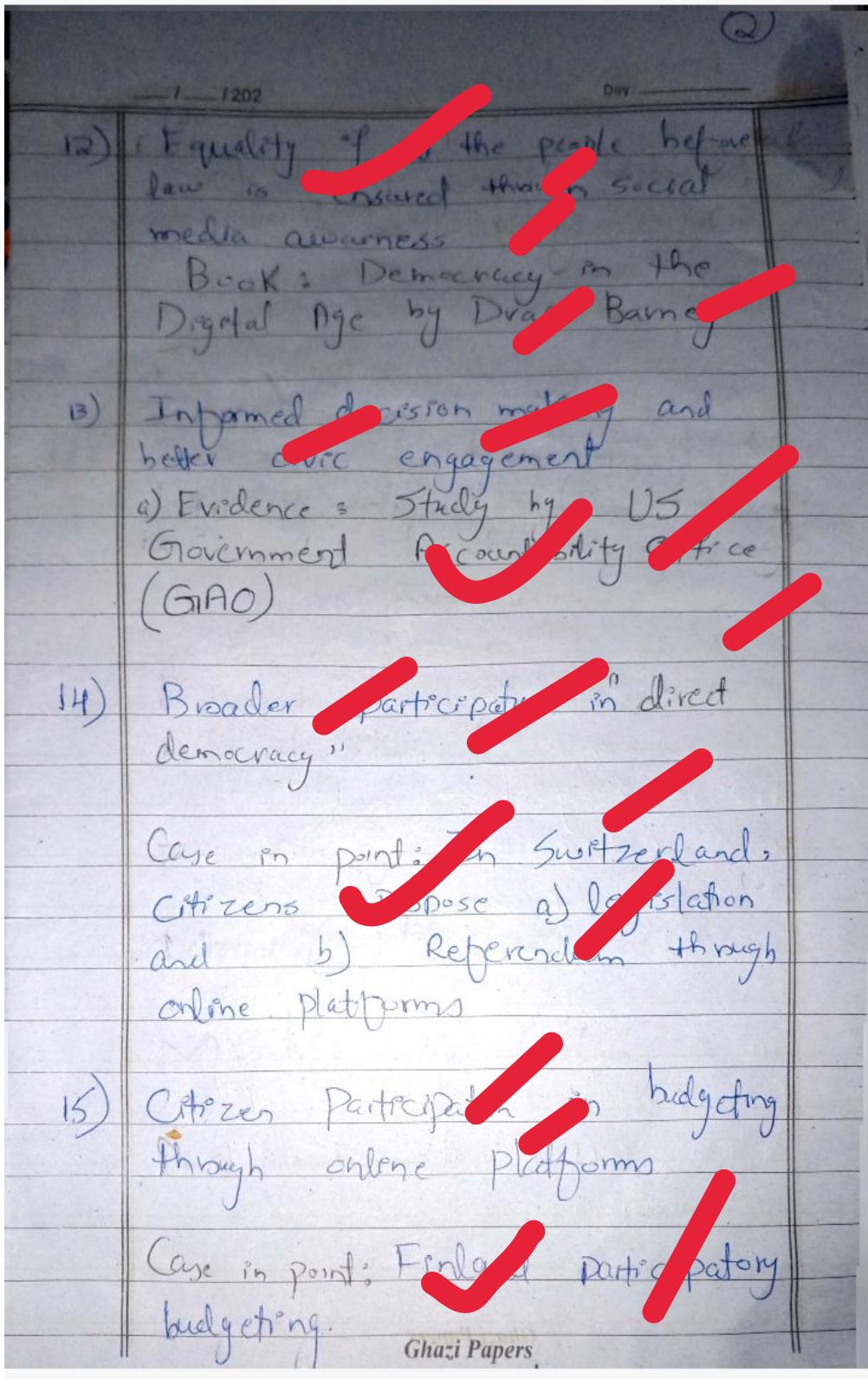
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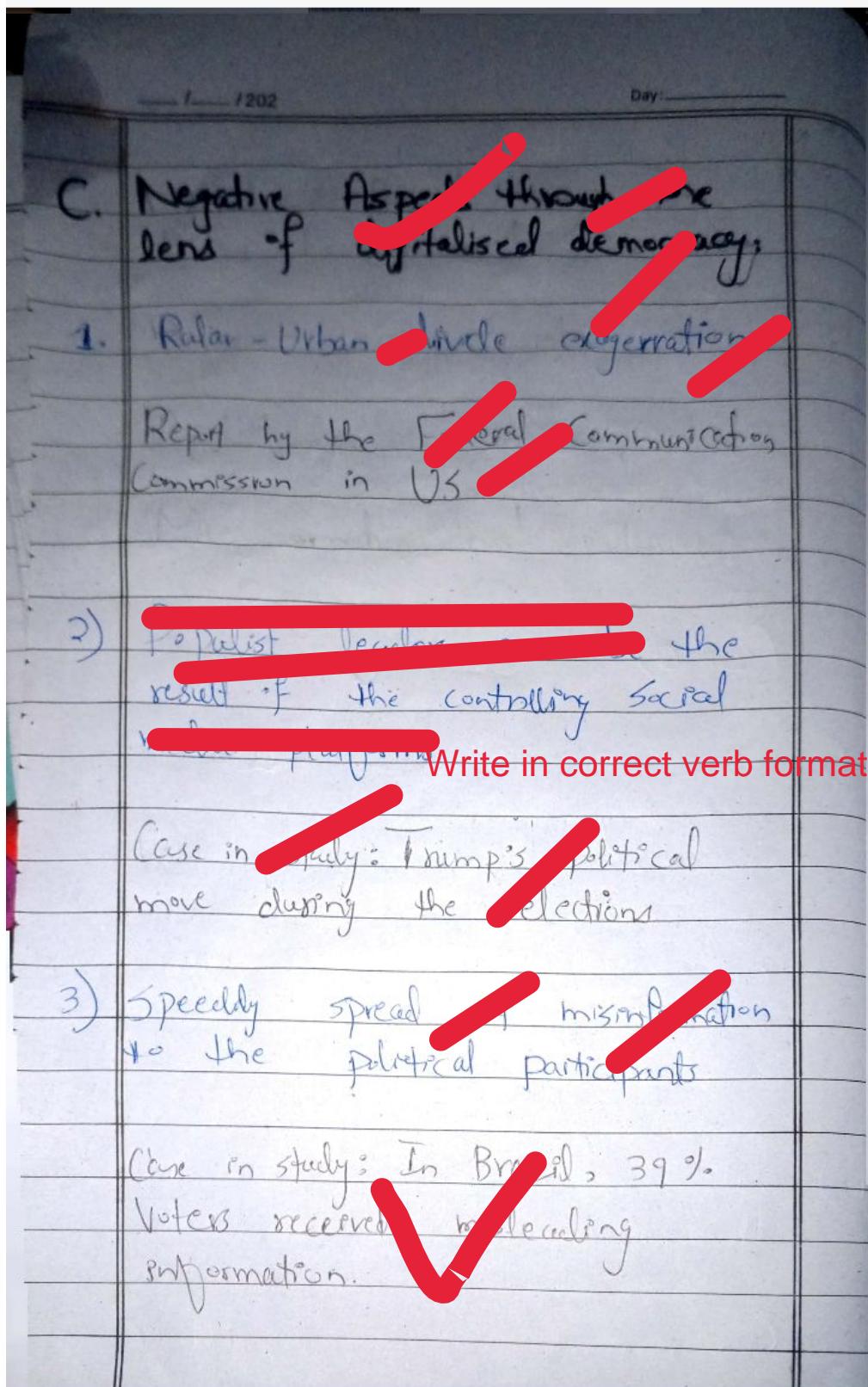
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Once, Barack Obama told, "The technology revolution has freed us from the tyranny of distance, connecting us in ways that are extraordinary. It has the potential to bring together the voices of grass roots movements, connecting them to the halls of power. Hence, the digitalisation has changed the world not only ~~economically~~, technologically  $\rightarrow$  socially but also politically. By digitalised democracy, large number of people can participate. The increase ~~in~~ turn out rate is noted in multiple countries. The disabled ones can contribute in sharing their views. Men and women also equally participated in the ongoing policy making process. Furthermore, the digitalised platforms such as twitter, facebook, and instagram including other platforms allow the marginalised communities such as minorities and Ghazi Papers

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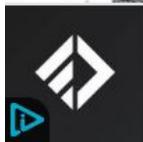
transgender can also participate in  
sharing their view. Due to advanced  
techniques both minorities and transgender  
have acquired their due rights efficiently.  
Not only political rights of people are  
ensured but also the enhanced  
accountability and transparency can  
be acquired as people have direct access  
to the leader or policy makers. Thus,  
though digital democracy increased in  
the political participation is obtained  
by increasing awareness of people.

Through the digitalised platforms,  
disabled people can cast their  
votes. As compared to the traditional  
system of electoral methods, there  
is no need to go to the  
voting centres. In the digitalised  
world, large numbers of people  
can cast their votes especially  
the disabled ones. They get  
information through the social  
media platforms like facebook,  
twitter, and instagram.

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the candidates and their policies.

Thus the disable can be

more informed about the

electoral process. In addition, they

can be more informed about

the ongoing situations. It can

be seen in the report of

Elections in Canada that 60%

of voters with disabilities

reported that voting was easy

or more manageable in 2019

Federal elections as compared to

2015 elections. Thus, increased

turn out rate can be

achieved via social media

usage.

Another notion in the modern

world is the climate changes

that require mitigation measures.

In the digitalised world, social

media allows the people to

share their views for climate

change. Most of the people want

government to take immediate

actions by the digital platforms.

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Large number of people carry campaigns in order to aware about people timely about its risks. By using social media platforms, there is more community engagement where there is welcoming approach for people to share their views on mitigation measures. The requirement of digitalised democracy is freedom of expression of people from all the strata. This freedom can be related to climate action. In the Barcelona, People of this country through using technology has created a more transparent, inclusive and effective approach for climate change. This clearly shows that the digital democracy, social media is helping in increasing participation of people for climate change.



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In the digital democracy, accountability of the policymakers is enhanced through direct access of citizens. The people are able to either compliment or criticise the policies being made for them. In the democracy, be it classical or digital, the opinion of people should be respected at any cost. It should be archived that the accountability of the policymakers is enhanced.

It is possible because the social media allows people to make policy makers directly accountable. Due to this, the effectiveness of the service delivery is enhanced.

It is even noted in studies that open government partnerships, where people can directly access to the policymakers will regulate the policies fairly. In short, the social media allows common people to be the main determiner of the policies.

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In addition to holding the policy makers accountable, accountability of the political leaders is

enhanced by many folds:

Through social media, a large number of people get the chance to analyse the political leaders' tasks, duties and obligations towards

public. Hence, in the modern world, social media are extra benefits to general public + be empowered. As a result, as compared to the past, leaders are more obliged towards their duties. They perform their tasks with honesty and on time.

Through the "Change.org" complaints, the policy makers

are being held accountable more successfully. Thus, in digital democracy, people has the power to be more strengthened in determining the accountability of the leaders.

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Moreover, delivery of post delivery services to people through local government bodies is enhanced. Local government bodies are more strengthened. In terms of financial, political, and accountability of the economic policies in the local government system is improved via social media campaigns. The federal and provincial government have devolved the power to the local government to regulate the day to day activities of the local administration. In case of any delays, people can complain against the particular administration, which can affect the political participation to a specific party. As per study of Harvard Kennedy, which proved that responsive governance is established due to enhanced political participation via social media usage. Therefore, a local governance system works more efficiently for the well-being of people.

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Further, in the democratic process, gender has emboldened both men and women equally. The use of social media by both men and women helps in equal awareness regarding their due rights. In the past, compared to the past, where patriarchal mindsets were dominating. Due to such mindsets, women were unable to contribute in the democratic process. Besides the electoral process, women were not given chance either at economical, social, technological and legal forums. However, the situation changed how the equal chance is adequately given to show their opinions at any forum.

According to the report by I.N.E.S.C.O on Gender and Media, the social media enabled both genders equally to share their decision view and cast their votes. Hence, the democratic norm is being followed but men and women have given equal platform to participate in the

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political affairs.



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Through social media, participants get their due justice. By sharing their problems within the respective domains, the stakeholders or government make sure to give them ultimate purpose. Political participation through social media usage, may give adequate justice to people but also within the time frame. This means there is no delay in justice delivery. Ultimately, this provision of justice delivery causes democratic values strengthening. In Pakistan, bureaucracy has developed the online platforms to resolve the issues of public and provide them the main purpose which is justice.

So, it can be stated online platforms provide help to people when people participate actively in their affairs.



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Similarly, in providing justice to adults, the juvenile justice system is implemented successfully through social help.

The political process tried to provide the safety to the underage children so the need of juvenile justice system was more.

Whenever, there is any injustice with the children, either at domestic level with young girls, sexual harassment and child labour.

Social media campaigns by the active participations of people shows the juvenile justice

resultantly. By the digitalised democratic system, the

National Centre for Juvenile Justice shows that recidivism

is reduced to 20% due to

Social media control on the

Juvenile justice system. Thus, the

Protection of children is increased

more spontaneously due to digitalised democratic system.

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Transgender's rights are more safeguarded through digital democracy. By using social media platform as their strengths to tell the world about their issues, violence and brutal treatment by society.

The transgenders have now participated now in the electoral process and they have their representation. In addition they have acquired the educational, social and health rights. Due to the role in the field of democracy is increased. The example is a trans woman - Laxmi Narayan

Tiropathy in India. She achieved broad level success for her community through her Twitter account. Resultantly their participation in politics was also welcomed. Henceforth, transgender's rights in the digital democracy are adequately protected.



Not only trans borders rights, but also the rights of minorities are also adequately protected via the digital democracy. The marginalised sectors on the basis of language, religion, caste or creed can adequately their power by using social media freely. It is the beauty of the democratic system that it welcomes the opinions of people from any sector. In the Dews Research centre, the minorities are given their due rights due to their voices being raised. Social media helps in creation of large community groups of minorities which can influence the political decisions according to their demands. In the Dews Research centre, report titled as "The power of Social Media in Political Engagement among Minorities" handles the power power in political engagement.

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Consequently, the rights of the minorities are adequately given to them in the democracy.

Another main component is the reduction of the political elites due to vulgarised democracy.

This reduction is due to their enhanced electoral process.

transparently. The preference is given to the merit, not to the dynastic or hereditary role.

The political leaders are selected whose image is more good among public. The social media helps in the selection of the political leaders who are more competent & honest.

and moralistic. The rejection of the dynastic political elites is consequential when they are lacking all the qualities of competent political leaders. The

actual power of the leaders selection is with the public in the digital

democracy. It can be proved in

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and Twitter campaigns, the political elites are ~~decreased~~ <sup>selected</sup> in number. Hence the political leaders are selected more honestly due to their performance rather than dynastic political elites.

Similarly, the equality before law of all the people is prioritized through digital democracy. Treating each and every person equally in terms of rule of law. Whenever, there is some quios in the affairs of the state, the people has the right of social media, of which they take advantagefully. In the globalized world, the people can share their view across the borders, but in terms of law, no one is above the law. Constitutional supremacy is maintained when the digital democracy respects the rights of people from any sector. Same is

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referenced in the book "Democracy in the Digital Age". The people can show their grievances when the supremacy of the law is challenged; by using social media platforms. Therefore, the equal treatment of all people is a requirement before law in the digital democracy.

Meanwhile, better decision making by government and civilian engagement is another outcome of digital democracy. The government is aware of the needs of its people through enhanced civilian engagement in the policy making. Moreover, social media has empowered people to participate politically in determining the policies of the government.

People can aware the opportunities on the digital platforms directly without any delay. The outcome of this will be economical, technologically, socially and cultural

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advancement of people. The same statement of better decision making and better citizen engagement through digital democracy is given by Government Accountability Office (GAO).

Resultantly, informed decisions will be obvious when digital democracy is implemented.

Broader participation in the digital democracy is another important factor which is possible by enhance social media participation. Large number of people in a large size state will shape their opinions through twitter, face book, and instagram. This will affect the participation in political affairs in a better way. It will give clear direction to the people to voting their concerned leaders. They will. It can be stated as direct form of democracy being



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implemented on a huge scale as millions of people have direct

access for using social media.

The best example of direct

democracy is in Switzerland.

where people can directly propose legislation and every referendum

through online platform measures.

This shows that even the

direct democracy is possible through digital methods. Hence,

democratic assurance is complementary to the will of people directly.

The opinion of people

in budgeting system through

online platforms is also ensured

in the digital democracy. People

directly or indirectly know about

the future policies. However,

in case of sanctions by people

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obviously affect the budgeting

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especially the investors or the stockholders. In return, the mass campaigning against these people will cause stock actions against these tax evaders. Therefore the burden of paying taxes by the lower income class will be reduced. As in the Nlands participatory budgeting, it is possible through online platforms which enable the common citizens to participate in the budgeting procedure. Due to this, people are more contented with the budgetary measures. So, the social media can be advantageous in the budgetary returns.

**Transition from one paragraph to another one is fine** In the digitalised democracy,

there are not only benefits but there are some of the negative aspects which can be more worsening in nature. This will lead to erosion of democratic values if they are not controlled adequately.

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First, the exaggeration of rural-urban divide is noted due to digitalization. In democracy via digitalisation, most of the people in rural areas are not able to get enough training and education. On contrast, people of urban areas are more educated and trained to raise their voice by social media platforms. Another important factor is access to the internet facility. Rural areas still in many parts of the world do not have internet access while urban areas maximum take the advantage of this. Its evidence can be cited by report of Federal Communication Commission in the United States which states that there is greater access to rural urban areas people of technology. While the urban areas are facing issues and hence the digital divide is more noted in United States. Therefore, in digital democracy, digital divide can be sequentially due to



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more notice in United States. Therefore, in digitalised democracy, digital divide can be consequentially due to *Nazi Paper*

internet access and literacy rate differences.

Another negative aspect is of the populism in the digital democracy. The revival of the populist leaders is also due to social media usage. The famous politician exploit the emotional behaviour of its public. He can also use the propaganda. He make promises to people for their economical benefits by controlling their thoughts through his speeches among public. The greatest and best example and evidence is Donald Trump. who used jargon and made contact with his follower and youth. He amplify the emotional behaviour of people for his own favour. As a result, the populist leader like Donald Trump revived. Thus, digitalization in democracy can cause populism or populist leaders phenomenon.



To add to above arguments, in digitalised democracy, spread of misinformation is propagating in the world. Through social media platforms, scams & false information spreads very rapidly across the nations. This will lead to the propaganda that will shape the public opinion. This public opinion will either increase or decrease the participation politically. In addition, false information can lead to polarized societies.

There can be more segments of the society on the basis of the information provided to them through social media usage. The best evidence is the Brazil, where through social media, almost 39% of the voters received false information related to the political affairs of the state. Due to this, there cannot be any accountability and transparency in the electoral process. Hence, false information spreads through social media in digital democracy.

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In a nutshell, digitalised democracy in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI), enabled a huge number of people to be able to participate in the political affairs of the state. The social media usage by all citizens worldwide caused more informed decisions making and their implementation efficiently. The people can express their opinions easily regarding their rights assurance. Even the climate change mitigation policies has been made by the government as people campaigns on social media. At the state level, local governance is being made more independent for service delivery to the common citizens. To ensure justice either to the adults or minor by juvenile justice system is given more transparently and efficiently with in less time. While the concept of direct democracy is also noted by digital platforms.

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is given more power, making it more efficiently with in less time. While the concept of direct democracy is also noted by digital platforms.

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Moreover, the reduction in dynastic political leaders and political elites is noted as digital platforms give more power to the common public for their ~~the~~ leaders selection. However, as compared to old democratic ways, digital democracy results into informed decision making. Hence, it is optimistically hoped that with evolution of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.), the world will become more peaceful where all people will have freedom in their opinions sharing. Due to which, the rights of people either economically, politically, social and legal rights will be given more efficiently and transparently.

"Social Media is a powerful tool for global communications, allowing anyone with access to demand change and hold authorities accountable." ..... Elon Musk

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