----- Essay MTWTFS Title: "Democracy in Pakistan: Hopes and Hurdles Outline 1- Introduction 2- Historical Outlook of Democracy in Pakistan highlighting Hopes and Hurdles Hopes for Democracy in Pakistan: 3a- Strong Institutional build-up in the country b- Improved economie structure of the country C. Mature Leadership d. Improved Social Indicators i.e. Human Development Index (HDI), health, education. e- Awareness among public f-Maintaining law and order Situation



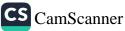
the sof rul. ٦.ڭ:____ MTWTFS 4. Hurdles in the way of democracy in Pakistan: a-Polarized politics as an impediment b-Feudal System provoting federal Km. c. Committion of political leaders cl. Imbalanced civil-military relations -ow. rate of literacy e-Suggestions to implement Strong 5democracy in the country: i- Balancing relations among all throe tiers of governance ii- Strengthening accountability and transparence ii governance to be materialized Conclusion 6-



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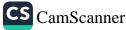
_____:č.r MTWTFS this regard are widespread. The most critical hurdles include polacized politice, the dominance of feudal system and the comption of political leader A strong counter measures including the balance of civil-military relation and strengthening transporsency prac ties are important to maintain democracy in the country In a mutshell, Democracy in Pakistan remains the most critical system in the country, as it is there are multiple hopes pertaining to it. It faces numerous hur alles in it that himder the effectiveness of democratic System in the country, which need to be countered. Pakistan, since it got independence, presents a fragmented picture of the democratic system of governm good in basic landua ent. The Quaid e-Azan, who was the nation builder, and the frage mework of democratic System in the country But the passing cource of time changed the democratic system in to an authori



_____: MIWIFS tonian one. From Liaguat Ali Khan to Ayup Khan, and then to the other mili plz do comparsion tary generals, the shift of power highlighted dictatorship as the prevalent government at that time. orm of From martial aws to deteriorating economic sector, Pakistan experience democracy in its worst phases. It always raised hopes for promoting a system people-powered and public-friendly hip through the power 9 vote but it was not able to achieve its desired goal. Among the multiple hopes pert aining to democracy in Pakistan, the most significant is the strong ins titutional buildup in the count the strong institutions lay the found action for public trust and confidence. The public and private sector institutions present an outlook of collective will and support of people the democratic process. The Election ommission of Pakistan, in collabor



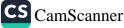
-1-1-:Č.r MTWTFS ration with other institution, is holds the authority and serves as the beacon or demonstrating democratic presentation of public in These ions y according to Ishrat Huss institut ain, are the torchbearer for Democrate Grovenance in Pakistan. (Groverning the Ingovernable: Institutional Ketosmy for Democratic Grovernance by Ishrat Hussain Besides institutional building democratic government in Caristan would improve the economic structure as well. Strong and stable democratic governments pave way for long term policies and Shotherly relation with the international community This serves in best interests of the country as strong ties with the country tries help in maintaining, trade investments and foreign buisnesses in the Paleistan. This boosts the econ omic sector of the country, which ailing due to the burden 116 Curre



MTWTFS of external debt and interest payments. The investment of China impia CPEC and Gulf states via multiple agreements on infrastructure, energy are the example of foreign investment which would bearfruit once the country is democraty cally run and equipped Moreover, a robust democracy gives birth To & mature leadership. The leadership-once elected by a the pub lie is the represtation of a countr Pakistan faces leadership crisis which is dealth through a leader which is mature enough to make decisions and dealt with public concerns. It is essential due to in the current scenerio where the country is facing the malaispe of corruption and imefficiency on the part of rulers. to headers like Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King Junior are the most inspiring examples. Mandelas dedication to ending apartheid resulted in a democratic South Africa. & Pakistan Thus, a mature and foresignted



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1-1-:6.1 MIWIFS well-informed citizens in that country. Demaracy raises awarness among the public by promoting public friendy projects; keeping in consideration the demands and meeds of a a country required for its success. In the same way, it promotes transparency and accountability alongwith services that benefit people in the long run. The citizens, thus, can keep an eye on the daily course of action of the ruler and can hold them account table according to their acts and Sayings Inder the same argument, democracy is essential not only for the awareness of people, but also serves major function in maintaing the law and order situation of the country. As strict an and order situation equally importants for the progress the people like all other elements of it democracy; it needs to formalised by state and its institutions. The



MTWTES ٦,ڭ:__۱__ disrupted Jaw and order situation in the country accounts for multiple issues in to such as increase in crime rates cybercimes, gender-based issues and problems concerning national security. These crices can be dealt when public representatives holding mandates come to power and consider the adversity of these problems. As Pakis tan is vanked 129th across 142 countries in the World Furtice Project Rule of Law, a strong democracy would ultimately hear all the issues concerning aw and order in the country link from one passage to another one However, there are various hurdles in the way of democracy in Pakistom. Polarized politics istamong those impediments. The different politi cal parties and the people affiliated to those do not adhere to accept the other group in as then leaders This creates a situation of rivalnies and strong opposition leading to marrive if then party not supported. ,



101 MTWTFS This polarization brings conflicts and Chaos, that is a great hurdle for imple menting a democratic system with majority a ma. people agricing 12 cupport oresighted leadership 102 ture ana the mation. well-being future fendal cystem correspondingly, supporting tederalism 16 also a barrier and feudal lords donot supp tribal ort the collective policies and projects that are necessary for the welfare Pakistan. heir demands, leaderch criteria and supremit tendencies working the state of democracy in Pakistan. Kaza Ahmed discusses in his article "The rederalicme Endemic (risis in federalism may have led problems to what tailing Loc may be calle a issues at are a real such hus, barrier in the way of stable and rac in lakistan cyccessful moc Not only feudacism, but COM political leaders is The among uption also a challenge in the - Implementation



MTWTFS of strong democracy in the country. Throughout the history of Pakietan, comption on the part of leadership was evident, which made the leaders think and wark only for their benefits and vested interests. This aspect proved to be fatal for the mation, as political polluted every cector may it be economic, social or any other sector. The country got indebted due to this corruption, social indicators degrades and it is now among the most crucial problem in the = way of plemocracy The Economist acticle titled Damaging ties argued that in Several Asian countries, leaders impeded ex omomic growth because of their interest collided with the need of reform. Thus, a major hurdle a regarding democracy is corruption of political leaders & In addition-to-this, implanced civil-military relations seemts be a resister in democracy in Pakistan. The intervention of military in civilian govern-



MTWTES ____!__:t ment and pureaucracy tends to distur the balance of power structure. In the similar manner, judicial and executive relations and any strife in them also disrupts the balance of power structures. This hinders effective functioning of a demoeratic system. The imbalanced ties also affect the foreign relations along with changing dynamics of internal situation in the country. Low rate of Literacy in Pakistanialso a challenge for democracy As thes situation prevails, most of the youth-who gie the voters of the real force of change, are not educated enough to know about their rights and responsibilities. Thus, when they are in the position to choose their lea. des, they are unawaye at about the qualities that a democratically choosen representative huler should possess to make a country state a developed and successful one. The Illiterate population, merery becomes



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____;<u>,</u>,,, MTWTFS make progress and strengthen itself against the ills of poverty, unemployment ent and economic gearth, once the people in power come with the mandate - Public. n conclusion to all that stated above, 1 Democracy in Pakistan is the need to precent time. There are many hopes pertaining to a democratic system, with several hundles impeding the proces. Pakietan strug. gles with the cricis of democracy since its independence due to varlous ill's present in the system. Democracy is essential for turning fate of the country-towards progress by institutional buildup, economic grouth, educating the massers and a mature feadership on bringing the front Nevertheless, maultiple basiers impede the demoratic process in the country ranging from political polarization to feudalism and Imbalanced civil-military



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