

# Democracy is worst form of Governance for Illiterate nations

## Outline:

### I- Introduction

Thesis Statement: Democracy is a value driven governing system, which emphasizes on equality, participation, and majority representation in society. These values are not possible without education.

Therefore, illiterate nations cannot understand the spirit of democratic governance. As a result, it becomes a worst form of governance for such illiterate nations.

### II- How Democracy is the Worst form of Governance for Illiterate nations:

A. ~~Illiterate nations do not ensure~~  
~~rule of law~~

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B. Democratic accountability in institutions come under-compromise in illiterate nations

C. Free and fair elections become compromised in illiterate nations

D. Illiterate nations <sup>democracy</sup> suppress the opposition's representation

E. Political ~~polarization~~ increases in illiterate nations due to lack of democratic values

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F. Separation of powers becomes an illusion in illiterate nations

G. Illiterate nations do not ensure democratic fundamental rights

H. Illiterate nations do not ensure gender equality in democratic government.

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I. Illiterate nations don't allow freedom of expression and opinion

J. Illiterate nations don't guarantee the peace and prosperity in society

K. Democratic rule becomes a mob rule in illiterate nations

### III - Conclusion

democracy has become the most governed system at global level.

Democracy with its norms and values is being practiced nearly in half of the world. In some parts it is absolute and in some parts of world it is in hybrid form. The hybrid form is being practiced mainly in developing countries where education system is not good and nations majority consists in illiterate people. Therefore, in such nations the democratic norms and values are being compromised which results in weakening of rule of law and inaccountability in institutions. This weakening causes the nepotism, corruption and accountability crises in the institutions. Moreover, the free and fair elections which is the fundamental value of democratic governance, also become in crisis of corruption and favoritism which causes the election rigging, suppression of opposition and political polarization in the nation. Similarly, the separation of power also become an illusion in illiterate nations in which judiciary, executive and parliament intermingling interfere each others proceedings. Therefore,

~~the good governing system of democratic governance became a worst form of governance for illiterate nations.~~

To begin with, illiterate nations do not ensure rule of law in democratic governance. The democratic government's main duty is to ensure rule of law, in which all citizens should be equal before law. On the other hand, illiterate <sup>nations</sup> violate this democratic spirit of government, where for elite, it has a different laws and regulations and for poor it has different one. As a result a class divide emerges in the society. Similar situation had been seen in France before the French Revolution (1789), in which the rule of law for first Estate and second Estate were different and for third Estate it were quite different. This class divide then compelled the third Estate to rise against this worst form of governance. Therefore, ~~illiterate nations do not have understanding of democratic rule of law, by which they don't ensure it in society.~~

Secondly, the democratic accountability in institutions come under compromise in an illiterate ~~society~~ <sup>society</sup> democratic accountability ensures the good functioning of institutions, but in illiterate nations its main purpose of functioning diverges due to corruption, elite, and politicians influence. This influence makes institutions malfunctioning and inaccountable before a fragile law. ~~On contrary, institutional accountability is compulsory for good and smooth functioning of democracy in a society.~~ Looking on the contemporary, political crisis in the world, the U.S based think tank PEW institution issued a report in 2013 which states that, the decline of democracy in the world is being caused by the corruption ~~and~~ and lack of accountability in institutions. This has been observed mainly in Asian and African countries, where democratic accountability is weak and under-influence. ~~Therefore, it creates a worsening situation for democracy in these nations.~~

Additionally, free and fair elections are not ensured in illiterate nations. Free and fair elections establish a strong and public mandated government in a nation. The government then function properly through a democratic process and procedures. If free and fair elections are rigged and transparency of elections is violated then such government cannot function in a proper way in a democratic society. The rigging of elections is common custom in illiterate nations where the bureaucracy and other establishment's influences turn election results according to their desire. A similar case was reported by The Carter center which stated that, in Venezuela, the presidential election faced significant lack of ~~the~~ transparency and that elections cannot be considered democratic. Undoubtedly, rigged elections cannot be considered a democratic which are against the fairness and transparency. Hence, the free and fair elections are not ensured in illiterate nations.

Furthermore, the illiterate nations' democracy suppress the opposition's representation. For good governance and healthy democracy opposition is a central part which limits the ruling party from wrong doings or violating the constitutions. This limitness makes a proper rule of democracy in a society. On contrary, for illiterate nations the opposition become only a symbol for election contestation. They suppress the opposition through attacks or adopting other threatening tools. For example, the elections of 2024 in Andhra has shown a clear example of opposition suppression in which BJP-Modi led party has suppressed and even kidnapped the opposition's representatives. This tradition was carried before elections, during elections and still it is going on in Lok-Sabha (Parliament) in India. The major reason is that majority of nation is illiterate who even don't understand the dictatorial democracy of prime minister Modi. So the illiterate nations' democracy and their leaders suppress the opposition.



Moreover, the political polarization increases in illiterate nations due to lack of democratic values. The democratic values create an inclusive environment in educated society. It encourages the pluralism and acceptance of other democratic party's rule. On the other hand, in illiterate society, it becomes quite opposite. The parties do not accept the rule and their ideas also don't match with each other. This inacceptance and divergence created the political polarization, which results in mass protest violence and creates the security issues in the country. According to the Tribune, the elections of 2024 in Pakistan has created a vast political polarization in country where regional politics is gaining strength and power. This is due to inacceptance of parties' rule and lack of education in masses which follow blindly. This rising political polarization worsening the democracy in the nation. Therefore, democracy is becoming a worst form of government in such nations.

Illiterate nations don't ensure separation of power in the country. Separation of power is one of the important criteria for democracy. The separation of power between three main tiers of governance is important. The parliament functions according to its own regulations and duties, judiciary performs its function of constitution guardian and ensures justice. Similarly, executive enforces the law and order in state and society. Their role and duties are assigned by constitution and they have to function according to it. As a result of this democracy also will function smoothly. If there is intervention of one tier on the functions of other's the separation of power cycle disturbs and the democracy also comes in trouble. Such incidents mostly happens in the illiterate nations in which the separation of power among institutions is invisible. Therefore, the democratic governing becomes worst form for them. Hence, illiterate nations don't ensure the separation of power in society.

Concluding the discussion, it can be said that, democratic values of participation, equality and majority representation are <sup>hard</sup> to accept for illiterate nations. Because, these values are understood through the lenses of education, and these are the spirit of democracy. Therefore, for uneducated nations, the democratic rule becomes a mob rule which does not guarantee the peace and prosperity to state, because of rising dictatorship rule in the name of democracy. Similarly, the suppression of voices and opinion becomes a common and routinely act in illiterate societies. Moreover, the gender equality becomes an illusion and dream, where women suppression and exploitation rises tremendously through violation of their fundamental rights. Additionally, the minorities rights and their fate become under the hands of brutal rulers. Moreover, the democratic concepts of power separation becomes a dream and the judicial, executive and parliamentary boundaries walls become invisible.