

Disinformation is a major threat to a democratic societies

Disinformation means spread of fake and false information on Media platforms. The disinformation is an integral part of narrative warfare.

John F Kennedy said, "a nation that is afraid to let its people judge the truth and falsehood in an open market is a nation that is afraid of its people." Whereas, the World Economic Forum has labelled disinformation as a major threat to Democratic Societies.

The balance is created by the regulation of information for ensuring ~~ensuring~~ free expression and the safety of the citizens. The balance is the essence of the Constitutional Democracy. Laws are made by the meaningful consultation from the people whom it mostly impact.



Disinformation is the fake information spread deliberately to harm state's narrative. The Democratic institutions ensured strict punishment to unpopular views. The speeches against public representatives are restricted to avoid chaos in the society and to provide safer environment for all citizens.

Any anti-state narrative can cause the danger to state and public peace in the country. The citizens should be able to differentiate truth from fiction. Some journalists spread information without confirming which creates disinformation in the society. The disinformation controls the narrative and try to mold the opinion of citizens and institutions. Hence, execution of law is necessary for state's sovereignty.



The Disinformation is a major threat to Democratic Society like Pakistan. Our constitution protects its citizens' fundamental rights of expression and safety of their state's institutions. It is mentioned in the Article 19 (free speech) and Article 19-A (free information).

Pakistan has amended the Peca Act 2025 for the very purpose of protecting people to become part of any harmful online information.

The two chief prohibitions of this act are; firstly, creating a criminal offence for 'fake' and 'false' information (non-bailable); secondly, prohibiting contents that casts aspersions' against members of the state.

The Peca act is by executive, the very organ that executes the laws. Peca Act 2025 is for the protection of both the people and the state.



This Act has restrainede disinformation. After the deployment of surveillance technology, state has to protect its narrative.

Therefore, information is protected to maintain balance in the Democratic Pakistan. The open consultation is necessary from the people for the greater public interest. All laws allows ~~the~~ their citizens to protect their free expression without breeding disinformation. The Peca Act also fullfills this criteria to ensure information protection in the democratic society.