

Politics without transparency is a disaster

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outline

A. Introduction

1. Define transparency in Politics.
2. Why transparency is significant in politics?
3. Thesis statement: "Excluding transparency from politics leads to chaos. Country become breeding ground for corruption, public distrust and economic instability. Countering it timely can save the situation".

B. How politics without transparency is a disaster?

1. Politics without transparency leads to abuse of power and corruption.
 - a. Horse trading in politics becomes common.
 - b. Use of power for personal gains becomes motive for politicians.
 - c. Example of Watergate scandal (1972)
2. It breeds nepotism in politics.
 - a. Dynastic politics prevails in the country.
 - b. Power alternating between few parties.

- c. leads to appointment of members from political families on top positions.
 - d. Saddam Hussein and Ghaddafi placed family members at top positions, prioritizing loyalty over competence.
3. Leads towards economic instability.

a. Causes implementation of weak economic policies.

b. Result in distrust among foreign investors.

c. Lower foreign direct investment.

d. Example of Enron scandal in USA which took place due to political negligence.

4. Encourages authoritarianism.

a. Weakens democracy.

b. Causes suppression on freedom of speech.

c. leads to oppression of political parties over each other.

d. Example of Nazi Germans causing Reichstag fire to eliminate opposition.

5. Results in public distrust

- a. Corruption and misuse of power make people think about government as a tool for personal enrichment.
- b. China's data suppression about Covid-19 during early phase eroded global trust in Chinese authorities.
- c. Media's self-censorship causes public's over-reliance over conspiracy theories.

6. Undermines free and fair elections

Leaders coming to power through unfair means.

(B) - US presidential election 2000 controversy.

- c. Zimbabwe 2008 and 2018 elections were controversial.

C. How to ensure transparency in politics?

1. Ensuring freedom of press and media

- a. Media must not be biased.
- b. Media must be free from political influence.

c. media must highlight ins and outs of political affairs -

2. Ensuring independence of judiciary -

a. Law enforcement institutions must be free from political influence.

b. Merit-based appointments of judges -

c. Protection of judges from political and executive interference.

3. Promoting right to information laws.

a. Raising public awareness about their right to information.

b. Protect laws ensuring protection of journalists and activists.

c. Making online portals for ensuring right to information just like the one in Mexico.

4. Strengthening anti-corruption department.

a. Robust prosecution and investigation mechanism must be ensured.

b. Public's access to governmental records must be ensured -

c. Example of China's anti-corruption drive

d. Anti corruption department must be

free from political influence.

B- Ensuring free and fair elections.

a. Introducing electronic voting machines to ensure transparency

b. Independent observers from international communities must participate in elections

6. Introduction of new political parties.

a. It will ensure democracy.

b. It will increase competency level.

c. A counter act for nepotism and dynastic politics.

D. Conclusion.