

Democracy And Illiteracy do not move together

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Indeed, democracy and literacy are indispensable to each others, even though, exceptions also exist.

(ii) Defining the terms: Democracy And illiteracy

(iii) Indeed, Democracy And Illiteracy do not move together

3-A ⇒ Democracy flourishes when runs by charismatic leader, illiterate nation do not elect good leader

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3-B ⇒ Unaware of political rights, uneducated people do not participate in informed decision making process

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3-C ⇒ Harmonized coexistence is prerequisite for prosperous democracy, this compromise when people have no education.

3-D $\Rightarrow$ Illiterate people become easy prey to political manipulation, leading to increased autocratic tendency

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4-A → Democracy is less about education but more about emotions

(a) Yuval Noah Harari

4-B → Collective wisdom often surpass individual wisdom, Education is good but not the only condition for democracy to flourish.

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4-C → Autocratic tendencies strengthen in a state having high literacy ratio, reflecting that education has nothing with form of government

(a) Russia and China case study.

5:0) Conclusion:

There are very few things for which humanity has suffered the most. Their achievements have cost millions of lives, abundance resources, and energies. The history of those hard-won things traces back to centuries. Among those precious things, democracy is still struggling to strengthen itself in some places. The question often arises that why democracy is still struggling? There are various answers to this question but education is one of the answers enjoying great acceptance among scholars. For some people, flourishing democracy requires politically aware nation. The arguments they give are that illiterate people cannot elect charismatic leader, they cannot participate in informed decision making, and they often undermine the coexistence. They also argue that uneducated people becomes easy prey to political manipulation and they cannot hold government accountable, leading

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to compromised transparency. Besides this, they also say that in a society with low literacy rate, people often take political differences as a personal differences, resulting in fierce animosity. This later, in most of the cases results in undermined democracy. Contrary to this point of views, some people argue that democracy has nothing to do with education. For them, democracy is more about emotion than education. Hence, political conscience strengthens only when people have awareness, democracy and education are indispensable to each other.

Before diving deep into the debate, first it is important to decode the terms democracy and illiteracy. According to Abraham Lincoln, democracy refers to a form of government runs by the people, to the people, and for the people. There are various other characteristics of democracy.

That includes the independent judiciary, free and fair elections, freedom of speech, supremacy of the law, and separation of power. While on the hand, illiteracy refers to a state where people have got either few years of formal education or no-education at all. They both are indispensible to each other, because education make people aware of rights and duties, that inturn helps democracy to flourish. Hence, democracy is all about form of government and illiteracy is about of unawareness.

Democracy and illiteracy do not move together because illiterate people have no political deep sight to elect good leader. untill governments are run by great statemen, no form of government would bring ease to the people. leadership is prerequisite for good governance. Moreover, unaware people neither rises to leadership level, nor they can select good

leaders. They evaluate leader not based on performance but on personality basis. Henceforth, education is important to choice leader not based on emotion but on performance.

Besides, illiterate people do not participate in decision making. They are often manipulated by politicians and their perceptions in most of the cases shaped by the media. Furthermore, unaware people also do not have steps to evaluate decisions made by the government. They only go with flow, never try to influence the flow. The more the people become education, the greater their influence on decision making. In democracy, decisions and policies must serve people's wishes and should be made decisions on through consensus. This norm of democracy always compromise when people have less awareness to political rights. Thus, political

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awareness is important for any democracy to flourish.

Apart from this, compromised coexistence is another point, showing that democracy and illiteracy do not move together. For any democracy, to function smoothly, harmonized coexistence is important. However, when people have no education, they are unaware of their duties and rights, they never respect opposite point of views. They always think that they are right and all others are wrong, leading to increased intolerance. However, democracy is all about respect and tolerance. Once tolerance sleeps in any society, democracy goes in reverse direction. Therefore, education is prerequisite for democracy because it instill sense of tolerance among the people.

In addition to this, illiterate people become easy prey to political manipulation, leading to increased autocratic tendencies.

when people have political conscience, they become aware of every spheres of politics. Education instill awareness in them that leads to questioning the established status-quo rather than accepting it as fate. Contrary is the case when people have no political awareness, they understand established status-quo as divine distribution of power, leaving them weaken to political exploitation. One loud and emotionally charged speech can make them enemy of the opposition parties and their leaders. With the passage of time, as the already established set-up remains + for prolonged period of time, eroding all the democratic norms gradually and results in establishing autocratic government. Bangladesh case study is a case to the point where how Hasina's government came to power through votes and become despotic in nature. Hence, illiteracy and democracy do not move together.

Furthermore, illiterate people cannot hold

government accountable. They do not know about their political rights and duties. This always results in escaping accountability on government's part. Besides, they also don't know the procedures to hold government's accountable. In contrast to this, educated people have all the information of government's expenditures, they know the ways to pressurize government and hold them accountable. Thus, illiteracy and democracy do not move together because less aware people cannot hold governments accountable, leading to compromised transparency.

Also, illiterate nation cannot ensure the independence of judiciary which is one of the foremost requirement for democracy. They do not pressurize executive to curb their interference in judiciary. Moreover, politically less aware people often take judicial decisions that go against their parties or their leader's on

unjust and unfair, eroding trust on judiciary. Besides, in contrast to this, politically aware people, takes stands when they see threat to judiciary in any form, upholding the basic norms of the democracy. The recent 26th and 27th amendment to Pakistan's constitution that made judiciary as a slave to executive is case to the point. They got no opposition or reaction from people, showing that democracy and illiteracy do not move together.

Differences of choice in democracy often considered as a beauty of democracy. This beauty always ~~sacrifices~~ when people have either less or no education. People who have no awareness of politics, particularly of democracy, always seen opposition as a personal enemy rather than people with different and diverse perspectives. The opposite is the case when people have high educations, they

don't consider oppositions as a enemy but as partners with opposite point of views. This also strengthens tolerance tendencies of the people, strengthening the democracy. Hence, democracy and illiteracy do not move together because illiterate people don't respect opposite point of views which is the beauty of democracy.

lastly, uneducated people do not rise to leadership levels, serving and strengthening dynastic politics. For democracy to flourish, people must have equal opportunity and access to leadership roles. Their confidence and skills should be the sole evaluated criteria in politics. Once, the basic norm of equality undermines in a society, democracy, then, cannot flourish. However, uneducated neither want and know to question the established political structure nor they are being respected by the established status quo, reflecting the fact that

democracy and military do not move together. The prolonged government of two dynasties in Pakistan is case on the point. Therefore, democracy to develop requires high literacy rate because aware people can change the established status quo.

Contrary to these point of views, some people argues that democracy has nothing to do with education. The below written-up sheds light on their arguments.

Some people argues that democracy is less about education but more about emotion. According to these people, it all about satisfaction rather than right choice. They say that even highly educated people choose their leaders based on emotional bonds rather than performance. Yuval Noah Harari is one of those people supporting these point of views. According to him, Germany people

were highly educated when they collectively supported Adolf Hitler to the powers, showing that high literacy rate has less to do with form of government. moreover, He also argues that dictators strengthen themselves in a society having high literacy rates. while compounding this argument he explains both the Russia and China. Thus, according to some people democracy and illiteracy can move together.

To conclude the discourse, undeniably, democracy and illiteracy cannot move together. for democracy to flourish, political awareness that comes from education is pre-requisite. why both the democracy and illiteracy cannot move together? There are various answers to this question. The first answer is that uneducated people cannot elect good leaders, follows by the fact that illiterate people cannot make informed decision making. moreover, coexistence as an important pillar of democracy cannot be

Homogenized in a society of uneducated people. To counter these arguments, some scholars, like Zuhair Nakhari, say that illiteracy and democracy can move together. They place emotion of the more importance than education. Analysing all the point of views, the established conclusion is that for democracy to move forward, to flourish, education is the only way.

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