

Democracy in Pakistan
will remain insecure
without strong local
self government Institutions

* Outline

1. Introduction

Background Information

Thesis statement

Democracy in Pakistan loss
its true essence because weak
local government institutions. It
is because corruption, patronage and
extractive institution. The accountability
and transparency can lead to prosperity.

2. How democracy in Pakistan will remain insecure without strong local institution

2.1 Due to political polarization, as-
semblies open date for popular leaders
who further weak democratic institutions.

(How democracies dies by
Daniel-political parties are
gatekeeper for democracy)

Date: _____

Day: _____

2.2 Government may fully fund to local government but due to corruption little portion utilize in social sectors.

(World Bank report → reduce corruption, strengthen legitimacy in social sector)

2.3 Local government members get escape way for pay tax to government.

(World Bank report → Only 5% elites pay tax in Pakistan)

2.4 Due to cordial relation policies are made according to elite capture this reduce public trust on local government.

(Elite capture article by Malcha Lodhi)

2.5 Weak check and balance system for local government is practicing in Pakistan.

(Pakistan: A Hard Country Yunal Noah)

2.6 Less awareness of public about technology and e-government platform also less participation of citizen in governance.

Date: _____

Day: _____

(SCO meeting → Pakistan's initiative for e-voting machines)

- 2.7) Rights of poor people are not secured due to influential people or political parties domination.

(Overburdened duty judges → pending cases (The Economists))

3. What are the hurdles to make local self government strong and in return secure democracy.

- 3.1) Elite capture that make power remain in elite circle.

(UNDP → 20% elite holding half of country's wealth)

- 3.2) Inclusive institutions lackness which are the leading cause of moral-ethical issue.

(Why Nations fail by James Robinson)

- 3.3) Patronage circle exists in Pakistan where position of women is tokenism instead of representation.

(Pakistan between mosque and military)

- 3.4) Corruption is the leading cause because of inflation or economic instability deep rooted in Pakistan.
(World Corruption Index Report)

Date: _____

Day: _____

- 4) What are the way forward for making strong local government institution and then secure democracy in Pakistan:
- 4.1) Make inclusive institution instead of extractive one, it opens gate for common citizens.
 - 4.2) Vigilant check and balance of one institution to other democratic institution as in (US constitution)
 - 4.3) Make government data transparent as in (Denmark top country for removing corruption)
 - 4.4) Increase public awareness through e-government platforms to enhance their participation.
(OECD- Enhance public participation make government institution strong)
 - 4.5) Effectively involvement of women in politics, law formation and in budget allocation
(How democracies dies)

Conclusion

Date: _____

Day: _____

Strong local government institutions in Sweden are the benchmark of strong democracy according to Francis Fukuyama. Country whose government institutions are ensuring zero corruption, independent providing justice is leading to real prosperity. As the rule of law is the key factor for keeping these institutions strong then everyone performs his duty in moral-ethical circle. However, if these institutions are weak influence by elite patronage system, persist demoralization and corruption deep rooted then democracy remains as a culture.

Therefore, democracy in Pakistan loses its true essence because weak local government institutions. It is because corruption, patronage and extractive institution. The accountability and transparency can lead to prosperity. So, the political polarization, people do not pay tax, less awareness among public are major factor weak local institution. Further, making inclusive

Date: _____

Day: _____

institution, strong check and balance system, make everyone accountable, transparent data, and active women participation.

These are the ways to make government institutions stable and an effective government.

Due to political polarization, political parties of government institutions open gate for popular leader. Because of his unrealistic claims, make the democratic institutions weak and people also do not believe in local institutions.

This is evident in the book after experimental observation book written by James Robinson.

How democracies dies. Moreover, because loss of people trust, local self government institutions are allocated proper budget but a little portion utilize in social sector development.

According to world Bank report, reduce corruption and strengthen accountability is the way for strengthening.

Date: _____

Day: _____

local government institutions. Moreover, due to less or ineffective accountability, local government members moves towards illegal ways for reducing tax on their resources. It is evident from World Bank report and IMF data, about 5% elites pay tax in Pakistan. This leads to reduce GDP amounts which is mandatory for economic institution strengthening. In addition to this, the major reason for less tax paying by elite is the lobbying and cordial relation. Then, policies are made according to influential people which reduce the trust of people on government institution. These make the institution fragile in making any effective policy. Therefore, the corrosive policies are always remained as the critical note. According to Malecha Lodhi article published in Dawn - a US ambassador. She emphasized that weak democratic local institu

Date: _____

Day: _____

tions because of the legacy and patronage system. This blocks the pathways for common people. Moreover, due to elite circle reduces the accountability for local government. In the book of Yuval Noah - Pakistan: A Hard country about the submerging of any new effective policy according to traditional rules. Policies like Benazir Support programmes, One shop by current introduce programme by existing governments. All these schemes, malgamate by traditional values and little progress is seen due to weak accountability system. Further, these security or social programmes are ineffective due to less awareness of people about e-government platforms. This results less participation of people due to lack awareness about the schemes and importance for common people. As government has invested hefty amount on every five years elections turnover.

Date: _____

Day: _____

Recent, Shanghai Cooperation Sub-
mit in which government ^{members} ~~empha~~ ^{emphasizes} on e-government platforms
initiatives in their countries. Further,
people through these platforms,
knows about their rights, this
not only enhances participation
of citizens but also collaboration. This
makes local government effective.
The above mentioned all these
are the reasons the government
institutions are not effective. How-
ever, there are certain hurdles
that do not make them effective.
elite capture is the foremost
reason that ~~give~~ ^{give} rise to extractive
institution instead of open gate
for opportunities and innovative
idea for local independent
government. Therefore, as in U.S cons-
titution tenure should be fixed
for Prime minister. In addition to,
open gate for opportunities patronage
system also collapse which is also
the greatest hurdle for making
institutions strong. According to
World Corruption Index, Pakistan
remains at top list in corruption.

Date: _____

Day: _____

This makes local institutions very instable. Its major reasons are inflation, food insecurity and economic instability. That's why mid-day school meals, internship programmes are introduced by existing government. After 26th amendment, disasters management was given to provincial government. But due to ineffectiveness to handle it, this power return to federal government. This means local government incapability to take tough decisions due to influential figures. There are effective way forwards to make or overcome these challenges. Firstly, make government data or their resources transparent to all / common citizens. As in Denmark, which remains at top list in zero corruption in local government institution. Secondly, make government institutions independent for making policies according to people's need but

Date: _____

Day: _____

remaining in strong or vigilant check and balance by one another as evident in U.S constitution. Check and balance system introduced by Thomas Jefferson. Thirdly, enhance quota for women and ^{will} ensure about the participation of women in policy making, fund allocation and law enforcement. Therefore, democracy in Pakistan cannot secure without strong local government institutions. This is because social evils, corrosive institution policies. However through rule of law, equal rights distribution among people, accountability, transparency, open gate for common citizens, then citizens participation through e-government platforms not only ^{enhance} ~~reduce~~ participation of citizens but also build trust of citizens. These trust make the local government strong.