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Dynastic Politics is the worst mockery of democracy

Outline:

1) Introduction

2) Thesis Statement:

Dynastic politics destroys the true spirit of democracy by promoting political monopoly, ignoring merit, weakening institutions, and reducing political participation, which unlimitly harms the political, social and economic progress of a country.

3) How dynastic politics is the worst mockery of democracy?

3a) The violation of meritocracy

A study by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (2020) found that nearly 50% political leaders in South Asia belong to political families, limiting opportunities for deserving candidates

3b) Threat to democratic Institutions

According to Accounting to Transparency International's 2023 Corruption Perception Index, countries with high level of political dynasties often have weaker democratic institutions and higher corruption levels

3c) Undermining Public trust in democracy

A Pew Research Center Survey 2022 revealed 63% of citizens in developing democracies believes in electoral processes are manipulated by political families



(3d) Perpetuation of feudalism:

→ Bhutto and Sharif families as case studies

(3e) Suppression of grassroots voices or leadership:

In Kenya, the Kenyatta families political dominance often sidelines locally popular leaders

4) Impacts of dynastic politics on governance:

(4a) Absence of rule of law weakens accountability:

- Pakistan ranks 129th / 142 countries in Rule of Law Index, 2024 due to recurring dynastic politics

- In Philippines, the Marcos and Aquino families influenced electoral commission and anti-corruption bodies

(4b) Promote corruption and nepotism:

Political patronage increases public sector inefficiency by upto 15% (OECD, 2017)

(4c) Policy making driven by personal interest:

Amendments in Constitution for own benefits; tenure Era enhanced to 3 times

(4d) Stagnation of democratic evolution block reforms:

Mexico's PRI elite families delayed reforms to maintain control, slowing democratic process by 25%.

4(e) Economic Consequences increased by dynastic politics:

- World Bank : Countries with high concentration of political dynasties tend to have lower economic growth rates and increase wealth inequality

5) Case Studies of dynastic politics:

5(a): Pakistan: Bhutto, Sharif and now emerging Bilawal/Maryam dynasties - (Dawn, 2021)

5(b): India: Nehru-Gandhi family
Congress party's long dominance (Al-Jazeera, 2019)

5(c): Bangladesh: Hasina vs Khaleda Zia dynasties
shaping decades of politics

5(d): Philippines: Marcos and Aquino families.

6) Solutions to Eradicate Dynastic Politics and Obtain True Democracy:

6h) Strengthen grassroots leadership.

(7) Conclusion:

- 6a). Electoral reforms
- 6b) Internal party democracy should be encourage.
- 6c) Advocate for Merit-based government
- 6d) Independent Election commission and digitalization of electoral system
- 6e) Strengthen the Accountability
- 6f) Political education for masses.
- 6g). Media and Civil Society Activism

