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Governance and Society

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and stability

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"Political polarization is a menace that badly impacts governing process on several fronts and leads to political and social divide in a society," says Maleeha Lodhi. The eminent diplomat rightly illustrates the repercussions of political polarization on governance and society. Political polarization refers to political divide; in other words, it means segregation among political parties, their followers and leaders. This political divide has severe impacts on governance, and the impacts include dead lock in legislative process, poor implementation of law and weak accountability and transparency mechanism. Besides, the polarization has also severe repercussions

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Corruption perception index and political polarization are not linked
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on society, and the repercussions are leading to political intolerance and resulting in extremism in a society. To mitigate political polarization, feasible measures are the need of the hour. The measures consist of formulating strict laws against hate speeches and promoting political awareness among people; promoting healthy political dialogues in a society is (is) equally important. With enforcing these measures in better and spirit, the polarization can be mitigated. In short, although political polarization has alarming impacts on governance and society, such as division in legislature, poor law and order, and weak accountability mechanism, its impacts can be reduced with the enforcement of pragmatic measures, such as political awareness and strict laws

against hate speeches.

To start with the negative impacts of political polarization on governance, the polarization creates division in legislative body, and this polarization leads to deadlock in the house. As a result of this deadlock, governance process badly impacts. For example, with growing political polarization in Pakistan, the election of 2024 resulted in hung parliament. Hung parliament means that none of parties wins in majority to form its own government This division in the parliament severely impacts the legislative process. Resultantly, the division in the house contributes to poor governance. In short, it is proved that political polarization leads to ineffective governance.

Similarly, the polarization also contributes to poor law and

order situation in a country. Because of division among government body, it does not unit on a single agenda. consequently, a country faces poor enforcement of law. For example, with prevalent political polarization, some countries in south America, such as Argentina are suffering from poor implementation of the constitution. It is because its government is segregated on the account of political polarization. As a result, the country's legal and social justice system is severely impacted. In brief, political polarization leads to poor law and order situation, resulting in weak governance. Parallel to weak implementation of law, political polarization also results in unsatisfactory accountability and transparency

mechanism. Due to division in government, each group protects its own interests, contributing to poor governance. Therefore, if the governance system of a country is weak, it directly impacts its accountability and transparency mechanism. According to the annual report of Transparency International- a international watchdog- Pakistan is among the worst nation's list in term of corruption and accountability parameter. It is because Pakistan is facing poor governance due to growing political polarization; as a result, the country has unsatisfactory accountability and transparency mechanism. Hence, the polarization leads to poor accountability and transparency system.

Lastly, the polarization also badly impacts economic system

07 a country, and leads to economic meltdown. Because a country is facing political segregation, it is unable to formulate and execute friendly and consistent economic policies. This lack of consistency in the policies discourages investors and businessmen to invest. Result santly, the economic growth 07 a country slowdown, exacerbating economic crisis. For instance, a country in South America named Argentina has inconsistent economic policies due to widespread political polarization. Consequently, the country is facing economic meltdown. Therefore, political polarization contributes to economic crisis.

The mentioned paragraphs have explained the negative impacts 07 political polarization on governance; the following

paragraphs are going to illustrate the repercussions of political polarization on society.

To begin with the repercussion, political polarization leads to social divide and intolerance in a society. In a society, there are several political parties. People who are associated with these parties are belonged to diverse ethnic groups. Because of political divide, hatred and political intolerance spread in these ethnic groups, resulting in hatred and violence in a society. For example, In India, the Hindu political leaderships, for their political gain, propagate hate speeches against the Muslim minorities. These hate speeches lead to social divide, and political intolerance against the Muslim is growing. Thus, political

polarization contributes to division in a society.

Like political intolerance and division, the polarization also leads to extremism and violence in a society. When selfish politicians divide the society for their personal gains, this division fuels hatred against one and other. As a result of this hatred, extremism grows in a society. For example, in Pakistan, the society is divided on political front. The segregation exacerbates extremism and violence in the Pakistani society. The lynching of Sir lankean citizen in Pakistan by a mob is an illustration of this extremism and violence. Therefore, political polarization contributes to extremism and violence in a society.

Moreover, political intolerance against minorities and women are growing due to prevalent political polarization. Because of the polarization in some countries, particularly, in the third world, minorities are unable to participate in political campaign, as they are facing threats. Additionally, women are also facing security issues ~~while~~ during their political campaign. For example, in countries like Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, women and other minorities groups are unable to exercise their political freedom which is their fundamental right. It is because these countries are suffering from the menace of political polarization. In short, political polarization is resulting in political intolerance against

the vulnerable groups of a society.

lastly, growing ethnicism and sectarianism in also caused by political polarization. As the polarization is spreading in a community, ethnic and sector based political -ian groups are strengthening their roots in a society. These groups fuel the ethnic and sectarian difference, leading to hatred and violence. Therefore, the unity of a society is disrupted on ethnic and sectarian grounds. These segregations also contributes to ethnic tension. For example, In Pakistan, the emergence of PTM (Pashtoon Tafooz Movement) has fuelled the ethnic conflict in the country. Resultantly, ethnic tension has deepened in the society against one and other. In short, political

polarization is a menace for the unity of a society.

The above paragraphs have explained the repercussions of political polarization on a society; the following paragraphs are going to explain the solutions to counter the menace of political polarization.

To start with solutions, formulating strict laws and regulations against hate speeches in political campaigns is imperative. These laws will help in ensuring the accountability of politicians while speaking in public. As a result, harmony and stability in a society will be ensured. Thus, it will contribute to eliminate political polarization. Similarly, promoting healthy dialogues in a society to ensure political tolerance in also imperative.

The political representatives of a society should arrange seminars and workshops to foster bound landscape for fruitful political discourses. This will result in political harmony in a society. Additionally, spreading political awareness among people through civic education is equally important. With the promotion civic literacy, masses will become aware of their political rights and duties. As a result, they act as informed citizens.

Moreover, ensuring the security of minorities and women during their political campaigns is also elementary to counter political polarization. The plurality in politics, with the emergence of these vulnerable groups, will ensure political tolerance, resulting in effective

governance. Lastly, promoting true political leaderships is also fundamental to ensure political harmony and stability. By ensuring true representation with the help of free and fair election, stability and harmony can be ensured both in governance and in a society.

To conclude, political polarization is a menace that is a threat for effective governance and a peaceful society. To counter this menace, feasible measures are direly needed. The measures consist of formulating strict laws against hate speeches, promoting healthy political discourses and spreading political awareness among people. Additionally, promoting true representatives to ensure political harmony is equally

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important. with the enforcement of these measures in letter and spirit. The menace of political polarization can be mitigated, and the solutions will ensure political stability and peaceful coexistence. As a result, effective governance and unity in a society can be achieved.