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Dynastic Politics is the worst mockery of democracy

Outline:

1) Introduction

Outline is map of your essay

2) Thesis Statement:

U need to be well directional and more clear in  
Has serious overall good performance

Dynastic politics destroys the true spirit of democracy by  
promoting political monopoly, ignoring merit, weakening institutions,  
and reducing political participation, which ultimately hampers 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 and Africa  
come from political families, limiting opportunities for deserving candidates

3b) Threat to democratic Institutions

According to Accounting Transparency International's 2023 Corruption  
Perception Index, countries with high levels 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 believe 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 129<sup>th</sup> / 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:

Amendment in Constitution for own benefits; tenure 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

#### 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, 2013)

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:

6a) Electoral reforms

6b) Internal party democracy should be encouraged.

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

6h) Strengthen grassroot leadership.

6i) Conclusion:

