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'Dynastic Politics is the worst form of democracy'

Outline

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1. Introduction.

1.1 Thesis Statement: Dynastic politics leads to centralization of power and weakening of state institutions, transformation of political parties into family enterprises, and constitutional reforms that are politically motivated.

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2. Why is dynastic politics worst form of democracy.

2.1 Centralization of power and weakened state institutions.

2.1.1 Bypassing formal governance structure and utilization of personal loyalty networks.

2.1.2 E.g. Sharif family precedence to business interests above institutional progress.

2.2 Transformation of political parties into family enterprises.

2.2.1 PPP moved from advocating labor and land reforms to consolidation of dynastic family cooperation.

2.2.2 Nawaz Sharif then Shehbaz Sharif and then Maryam Nawaz held key positions of PMLN.

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2.3 Politically motivated constitutional amendments

2.3.1 18th Amendment consolidated PPP and PMN rule in Sindh and Punjab respectively.

2.3.2 26th Amendment ensured judicial oversight over interests of dynastic parties are curtailed.

3. Socioeconomic consequences of dynastic rule

3.1 Underrepresentation and exclusion of meritocracy.

3.1.1 political families account for 50% of Pakistan's parliament.

3.1.2 ^{such} lawmakers lack fundamental knowledge on key issues.

3.2 Mismanagement of Public Resources

3.2.1 corruption in development funds

3.2.2 Utilization of public resources to appease party's leadership.

3.3 Economic Stagnation and Elite capture

3.3.1 Sharif family holds its monopoly over industrial base

3.3.2 Bhutto family dominates Sindh's agriculture sector.

3.3.3 Reduced competition and foreign investment.

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4. Way forward

4.1 Strengthening Intra party democracy.

4.1.1 fosters political competition within.

4.1.2 Transparency boosts public and party's confidence on leadership.

4.2 Electoral reforms and Campaign Finance Regulation

4.2.1 Anti nepotism laws.

4.2.2 Allocation of resources by state for new candidates to campaign.

4.2.3 ensures equitable competition.

4.3 Empowering local governance.

4.3.1 grassroots level issues get resolved.

4.3.2 Produces competent political leaders.

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5. Conclusion..

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Make a comprehensive outline

Draw direct nexus how dynastic politics derails Democracy

Don't limit dynastic politics to Pakistan only

Dynastic politics is a world wide phenomenon

Improve introduction paragraph



The Essay

Start with a strong hook

Write thesis statement in the intro

Dynastic Politics is analogous to dictatorship within a democratic setup. It strangles the entire setup within a handful of people, working similarly to an oligarchial setup. The essence of Democracy lies in inclusive governance that serves the people's interest and ensures accountability. By going against the spirit of inclusivity, Dynastic politics truly represents the worst state of Democracy. It leads to the centralization of power and weakening of state institutions, transforms political parties into family enterprises and leads to politically motivated constitutional reforms safeguarding the interest of the ruling families. Such democratic characteristics have long lasting impacts on socioeconomic fabric of the society. It, therefore, must be controlled and dismantled to obtain inclusive growth in the society.

To begin with, dynastic politics leads to centralization of power and weakening of state institutions. A handful of people exercise enormous influence over the state. They use this influence to bypass the formal governance structures and procedures and resolve the issue through their ^{own} personal connections. Such actions significantly impact growth and working of institutions as they no longer appear to be ^{of} any utility. It leads to a perception where personal connections are preferred over following proper procedural mechanisms. For example, in developing countries like Pakistan, political elite ^{dynastic}

Utilise their connections to preserve their interests.

Pakistan muslim league (N) leader Nawaz sharif bases his Authority within his family and centralize their power within them. This undermines democracy by obscuring true participation of the people. Positions of power are granted on basis on familial connections who further aim to mold institutional workings in their favor. It leads to adverse effects on performance of state institutions. Sharif family of Pakistan, having held power in Punjab since decades, have chosen to protect their business interests ⁱⁿ with whatever capacity they could. This includes tax exemptions, favoring certain business people and passing legislation that subsidise, if not protect, the business circle. The unhealthy competition in the market ^{thus} comes as a result of ^{protecting} political influences interests held ^{of} by a handful of politicians, who often take shape of a dynastic family in 3rd world developing world.

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