

Digital Age and Political Extremism in Pakistani Youth: Challenges and Reforms Outline

A. Introduction

1. A tremendous growth of digital media platforms in Pakistan
2. What are digital media forums and how they shape public opinion?
3. Thesis statement

B. Role of Digital Media Platforms in Fomenting Extremist Perception among Pakistani Youth

C. Challenges Associated with Digital Media Platforms that Foster Extremist Views among Youth in Pakistan

1. Insufficient digital media usage regulations and poor implementation of existing laws

(a) Inept and lack of visionary leadership:
Governing the Ungovernable

(b) Case study of application of
Cyber Laws

2. Role of echo-chambers and algorithms in promoting hate speech

a. Case study of facebook and X:
dissemination of hateful narratives

3. Lack of digital literacy among youth

a. Insufficient budgetary allocation to higher education sector: Economic Survey report 2024-25

b. Unavailability of digital literacy programs at educational institutes of Pakistan

4. Free access to radical content:
Uncensored content on social media applications

a. Utilization of digital applications by extremist groups for spreading extremist narratives

b. Pakistan Telecommunication Authority report on access of internet to Pakistani youth

5. Conspiracy Theories by political elites: A narrative building for vested political interests

a. Research findings by National University of Modern Languages

b. Socio-economic grievances of Pakistani youth: Polarization and extremism

a. Unemployment rate in Pakistan: Labour Force Statistics report 2024-25

b. Case study of Baloch nationals: a sense of alienation

D. Essential Reforms for Curbing Extremist Perception of Pakistani Youth

1. Formulation of plausible digital regulations

a. Anti-cyber crime laws

b. Timely implementation of laws and continuous monitoring

2. Digital literacy programs at Educational institutions

a. Sufficient budgetary allocation; rationalization of budget

b. Training of digital literacy mentors

3. Awareness among youth regarding sifting truthful content from hateful content

a. Role of Pakistan Telecommunication Authority

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4. Responsible Journalism by national print and electronic media forums
 - a. Case study of DAWN news
 5. Addressing the socio-economic grievances of youth
 - a. Increasing employment opportunities
 6. Strict punishment of culprits of digital extremism
- E. Conclusion



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