

GHANI IKRAR

✓ Democracy is the Worst form of Government for Illiterate Nations

TOPIC: Illiteracy and Democracy Cannot Move Together

Outline:

### A. Introduction

1. General statement:  
A ignorance of Balochistan's health minister about appointment criteria
2. What does it mean by democracy?
3. Thesis statement: Illiteracy brings many irritants for the smooth democracy

### B. How Illiteracy Impacts Democracy

1. Affects the decision making power;
  - a. Illiterate one can hardly differentiate between good and bad
  - b. Selection of wrong people in elections
2. Fosters dynastic politics;
  - a. Illiterates have emotional attachment with particular rulers
  - b. They remain blind to their misconducts
3. Snatches the ability of accountability;
  - a. Illiterates have no idea of accountability mechanism
  - b. There appears free-hand to corrupt ones
4. Promotes intolerance;
  - a. Religious and ethnic

biasness ruin democracy

b. Extremists manipulate the illiterate one for their gains feudalism;

5. Encourages feudalism;

a. Illiterate fails to feudal identify the feudals

b. Little space exists for genuine public representatives

6. Creates economic deadlock;

a. There remains no knowledge about economic policies among the ignorants

b. There appear negligible economic contribution in the national pool from public's side

c. Barriers in tax accumulation from illiterate ones

7. Dearth of demographic knowledge;

a. Ignorant ones continue to produce more children

b. They fail to realize the repercussion of rampant population on democracy

C. Countersperspective:

a. Poverty adds more than illiteracy to make democracy fragile

Rebuttal: Many poor nations have established strong democracies

D. Conclusion:

The above discussion proves that illiteracy has devastating impacts on democracy.

## ESSAY

A health minister in Balochistan ordered his medical officer to appoint one of his close companions as a doctor. Regrettably, he was unaware about the educational qualification for this particular appointment. Pakistan's democratic system is not devoid of such an illiterate politicians. Therefore, this dismal phenomenon reflects the adverse impact of illiteracy on democracy. Democracy is the government of the people, by the people and for the people. Its propagation relies on accountability, fair elections, robust educational system, complete public participation and gender parity. Unfortunately, democracy is faced with uncountable adversities in Pakistan. Illiteracy stands to be the major obstacle in its progress or flourishing. Illiteracy has brought many barriers to democracy.

It has brought political demagogues into prominence. Illiteracy has snatched the independent decision making ability from the folks. It has given strength to dynastic politics. Masses are unaware about their genuine political and legal rights due to illiteracy. However, some people blame poverty to be the cause of fragile democracy. Nonetheless, their assertion do not hold ground. They have failed to witness the democratic trajectory of many poor nations. Hence, illiteracy acts as the major culprit of fragile democratic system.

Firstly, illiteracy impacts the decision making power of individuals. Decision making power means people's ability to select the right person for the right job. An illiterate person can never distinguish between

the good and had.  
He makes mistake in  
selecting and appropriate  
person to be his  
ruler. This phenomenon  
of choosing political  
demagogues is very  
common in illiterate  
nations. Hence, illiteracy  
brings political demagogues  
in power.

Secondly, illiteracy  
fosters dynastic politics.  
Dynastic politics mean  
the rule of specific  
families which never  
end. Illiterate people  
have sentimental  
attachment with these  
families. They remain  
their blind followers  
and never raise  
questions on their  
credibility. Pakistan has  
remained the victim  
of this menace  
for years owing  
to massive illiteracy.  
People's illiteracy has  
added to the strength  
of few political parties.  
Pakistan Muslim League  
Nawaz and Pakistan  
People's Party have  
remained the

the beneficiaries of this shortcoming. They have ruled the country multiple time on the basis of people's illiteracy. Hence, dynastic politics is the product of illiteracy.

Thirdly, illiteracy snatches the ability of justice in democratic system. Justice means to hold someone accountable for his or her misconducts. However, this ability does not appear in illiterate nation. Their rulers enjoy maximum liberation. No one bears the potential to make rulers accountable. Leaders do ample corruption in the absence of accountability. Illiterate people hold little information about the prerogatives of National Accountability Bureau and Anti-Corruption. They do not know the mechanism of consulting these institutions. Ultimately, there exists massive injustice in an illiterate society.

Fourthly, illiteracy ~~impacts the appropriate~~ ~~the election making~~ promotes intolerance in a democratic system. Intolerance means the absence of endurance. Illiterate people often remain intolerant towards each other. They cannot bear the perception or political ideology of their opponents. There arises democratic anarchy and morass in illiterate nations. Religious and ethnic parties of illiterate nation hardly endorse each other. They always remain bias to each other's views. Pakistan has remained a fertile place for these orthodox ideologies. It has witnessed many incidents emerging in elections on the ethnic and religious basis. Therefore, democracy cannot move smoothly in orthodox societies. Hence, illiteracy brings extremism in democracy.

Fifthly, illiteracy brings the feature of feudalism

in a democratic system. Illiterate people remain more associated with feudals. They pay immense heed to the dignity of feudals. These people have blind faith on feudals. Similarly, the feudals manipulate their sentiments. They exploit the illiterate ones for their political gains. They capture the decision making power of the illiterate ones by yielding temporary privileges. However, when they reach their desired destination, they even do not remember their illiterate voters. This mechanism undermines the true spirit of democracy. Hence, illiteracy equips the democracy with an unfortunate menace of feudalism.

Sixthly, illiteracy creates economic turmoil in a democratic system. Economy means the financial affairs of any country. Illiterate people have minimal knowledge about the

collections and expenditures of the country. Economy has profound role with sustainable democracy. No democracy can flourish without robust economy. Prosperity remains their distant dream. Illiterate people fail to contribute in the economic escalation. They even do not know about budget which holds vital importance in democracy. If the people are unaware about economic policies, then there emerges the threat of economic crises. Therefore, economic unawareness brings obstacle for the smooth government.

Last but not least, demographic ~~pop~~ knowledge has abysmal affiliation with democracy. Demography means the knowledge of population. Population decides the worth of democracy. The masses must have knowledge about keeping balanced population for successful democracy. However, there exists no such

framework in Pakistan due to absence of knowledge in the relevant domain - Higher population exposes democracy to multiple threats. Their arises the problem of regulating huge number of masses by the government - Contrasts difficulty in keeping records and providing timely services. Hence, weak demographic knowledge undermines democracy.

On the other hand, some people exempt illiteracy to be the culprit of fragile democracy. They blame other factors responsible for ruining appropriate democracy. Poverty remains their major argument. They link poverty with bad governance by exempting illiteracy as the driver. However, they are distant from reality. Many poor countries in the world have succeeded in accomplishing robust democracy. However, there exist no witness

of prosperous democracy  
with existential illiteracy.  
Hence, their assertions  
have failed to  
exempt illiteracy as  
the sole culprit  
in bad governance

To sum up, it  
is proved that illiteracy  
is the mere cause  
of weak democracy.  
It does not allow  
democracy to flourish.

The democratic system  
of illiterate nations  
witness dozens of  
challenges. There does  
not appear political  
awareness, substantial  
justice, equality of  
masses and ample  
esteem of voters.

Voters remain the  
victim of feudalism,  
dynastic politics and  
unprecedented extremism.

The people who tries  
to oppose this view.

They have failed  
to establish their  
claim with credible  
evidences. A negligence  
of health minister in  
Balochistan testifies this  
fact.