

# Democracy and Illiteracy Do Not Move Together

## Thesis Statement:

"In democracy, proper literation of election, legislation, and executive performance, is mandatory, however there are ~~are~~ opinions that democracy can even move together with illiteracy but practically this concept is flopped."

## I. Introduction

### II. Democracy and illiteracy do not move together:

- i. ~~Lack of political awareness~~
- ii. Narrative ~~ever~~ performance
- iii. Emotional ~~driven~~ politics
- iv. Traditional ~~loyalty~~ towards feudals
- v. Framing of ~~rigid~~ <sup>Right</sup> and ~~inflexible~~ <sup>inflexible</sup> laws
- vi. Conservative ~~officials~~
- vii. Government ~~for~~ the elites.
- viii. Violation of ~~fundamental~~ <sup>fundamental</sup> Rights.

### III. Some people argue that democracy and illiteracy can move together

- i. Through ~~experiments~~ <sup>experiments</sup>, best decision can be made
- ii. Historically ~~Democracy can~~ <sup>Democracy can</sup> coexist with illiteracy
- iii. Democracy can reduce illiteracy
- iv. Political wisdom ~~no~~ <sup>no</sup> may be acquired naturally.

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#### IV. Rebuttal

- i. Experience from literacy can make best decision
- ii. Democracy evolved through mass literacy campaigns
- iii. Natural political wisdom may not be sufficient and efficient.

#### V. Conclusion



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"Democracy with 15% literacy rate is not suitable."

(Iskander Mirza, the 1<sup>st</sup> president of Pakistan)

In accordance with the statement of the president Iskander Mirza, it is crystal clear that democracy and illiteracy do not move together. If there is no literacy how can the state be governed and how can people choose and elect their representatives in the best manner. With no or low literacy the election of representatives would not be based on the emotional drive, traditional loyalty, surface and superficial narratives, and obligation and clans, not on rationality and performance. So the people elected and chosen in such ways will definitely have corrupt practices in legislation, administration, and finance etc. Despite these negatives, democracy with illiteracy is even better than existed monarchy. As the people, at least, have the right of choosing their ~~representatives~~ representatives for government.

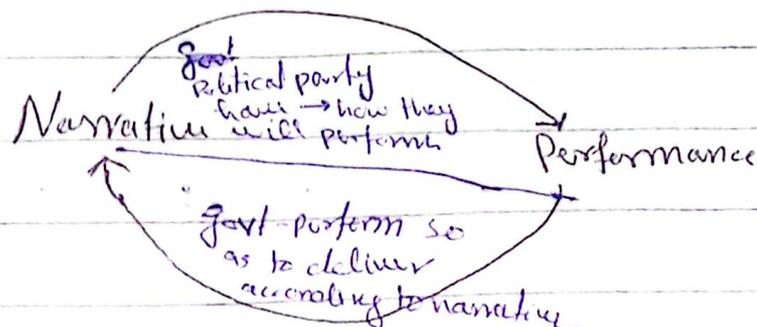
Secondly, literacy is not the mere way of getting wisdom, but certain experiences

in life can lead to wisdom. Through experiences people can ~~get~~ ~~to~~ make the best decisions for electing the government. ~~History reveals that illiteracy and Democracy can co-exist, e.g. in early stages of the evolution of Democracy in 16th and 17th centuries. But this evolution of democracy was through a mass literacy campaigns. It is obvious that illiteracy and democracy do not move together but with proper educating and mass literacy campaigns, both democracy and illiteracy can co-exist -~~

With no or low political literacy, there is a lack of political awareness. The people will ~~not~~ be aware of the power of votes, as that it could change the system and ~~upgrading~~ upgrade the system. They do not know how to cast the vote in favor of and or against ~~of~~ the someone or something. The illiterate masses would vote blindly, that ~~would~~ <sup>may</sup> have a strong impact on democracy. As in democracy, majority is authority, ~~so if the majority is politically illiterate, the ultimate~~

result would be the unsui' literate democracy and finally the government. Such governments will not be able to deliver the best, as they have not the ability and skills to run the government. In many democratic countries the system collapsed because of the lack of political awareness in people and the choice of wrong, corrupt and unsuitable representatives which results in political instabilities in the systems. Hence illiteracy results in lack of the political awareness due to which democracy does not deliver.

Similarly, with illiteracy, the people prefer narrative over performance. In a democracy, narrative and performance work in a cycle, that is narrative ~~is~~ build on previous performance, while performance the government perform according to their narrative.



Within regions of low literacy rate the narratives are made by the political leaders based other than the performance. The political leaders noted the trends in a society and make their narrative according to it. The people with no literacy just follow the trends in society and when they follow the trends, they follow the narrative of that leader. The leader takes advantage of it instead of their previous performances. Therefore

As democracy is stand with build with performance and narrative, the illiterate people prefer narrative over performance, so the democracy crashed

In illiterate society, politics are emotional driven, ~~and~~ instead of rationality. The leaders try to get attached to its people emotionally and get their favor. The people do not use their rational thinking ~~instead~~ but they follow the personality instead of ~~its~~ <sup>their</sup> motives and mottoes. As if majority of the mass is illiterate they will be emotionally driven to the sympathy of the leaders not their mottoes. In other

words we can say that the people are the fans of leadership instead of the followers.

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of the ideology. They will justify every wrong doing of the personality instead of criticising that he did is against the ideology. In current scenario of the democracy, the countries with relatively low literacy rate democracy faces the same problems. e.g. in Pakistan the politics are emotionally driven i.e. the leaders use the blame game & in their narrative improving and stabilizing economy but in practice they do not. Hence in illiterate and low literacy rate societies the politics are emotional driven which results in failure of true democracy.

Traditional Loyalty to the Feudal lords is also one of the major problem faced by democracy due to illiteracy. In real and true democracy the loyalty is <sup>merely</sup> toward the ideology. Due to illiteracy, peoples have the loyalty towards Feudal lords. According to Karl Marx "The <sup>has not</sup> bourgeoisie (lower class) is bounded by the superstructure (religion, culture, tradition, laws etc.) and the superstructure are in the control of upper class. So the public have no other way than loyalty towards Feudal lords as their <sup>are</sup> ~~resolving~~ food and shelter from them.

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~~As illiterate people have no such rational thinking capabilities to get rid of it. Since they are bound, the vote is loyalty to Feudal's political lord. Ultimately, the votes go in the favor of the Feudal's political affiliations.~~