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Essay

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Biased Media is a real threat to Democracy

I Introduction :- Attention Grabber.

Thesis statement: Biased media is a real threat in this time of high level connectedness because it can create misinformation and creates panic and political instability leading to democracy in threat.

II Main Body:

Biased Media a threat to Democracy:

1:- Biased Media responsible for fake news and rumors.

2: Biased Media can change perception of public.

3. Biased Media responsible for ideological changes.

4. Thy media can provoke instability in polity.

5. Media can be used for preiviliges.

6. Biased Media can deface democracy.

7. Print and Social Media the main culprits to threaten democracy.

8. Conspiracy Theories to generate conflicts.

III

Conclusion: The whole summary of the essay.

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Introduction:-

David Stuppel said that "we are in high level of connectedness this is a strength but it can be a source of mis-information creating panic."

Biased media can create spread, establish different rumours and news which may be harmful for a person's reputation or can deface any state's image. It is also a great threat to democracy it can ruin the image of any democratic govt. Biased media

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played a very important role to deface the democracies of Pakistan as well as Russia, U.S.A, Ukraine, Malaysia, Israel and Palestine.

So the real threat to democracy is not an outer invasion rather it is the indigenous biased media which plays the main culprit. It plays by creating fake news and rumors, changing public perception and ideology then it creates political instability, deface reputation and threatens democracy.

Firstly we will discuss how the Biased media, it can be social media or print media, can create fake news and rumors about any other person, leader or

even a state. Favouritism now a days is a great hindrance in the way of true information. In Pakistan there are many news channels which are biased and they spread the favourable news about their favorite political party and give a huge cover to their ill behaviours. Social and print media is also a source of ill rumours about the opponent.

Second major task performed by biased social media is the change of perception. Media can be changed the thinking, vision and perception of public about any idea. In political parties one party provoke the sentiments of people and masses and uses

any point in their favour by instigating public against other. For example, in Pakistan there are three major political parties which form democratic government in Pakistan. One of them named **Pakistan Tehreek e-Insaf** party used social and print media to create "**Tabdeeli**" a change in the country by kicking out the alternate governments of other two parties. This party created a vision of change in paradigm shift in people by using media and got the elections of 2018.

Media can also bring ideological changes in nation. **Allama Iqbal's** two nation and hard-work of **Muhammad Ali Jinnah** could not

be so impactful without radio, magazines and newspapers. So Muslims spread their vision and ideology of an Islamic separate state in sub-continent through the media. Muslims under the leadership of Quaid-i-Azam and with the help of books, magazines, letters and newspapers created change in the mindset of people and their efforts brought fruits with the help of print media and electronic media. The announcement of emergence of Pakistan was brought about by radio.

Media is also important in instigating instability in a democratic polity. Not only external

factors influence the stability but also the internal factors provoke the sentiments of people to create an unstable political situation which impedes the progress and growth of a country. State and non-state actors provokes the masses and creates instability.

In case of Pakistan external and internal factors uses the social and print media for awareness and mis-inform the public and creates conflicts within a democratic state.

For example **Baloch Yakjehti Commette** and protests in **Kuram Agency** against Government uses the platform of social and Print media to provoke their feelings and create instability in the country. Another

example of creating instability is from **Ukraine**. A cyber-crime group hacked the political party account and viraled the photos and videos of political leaders just before the **Ukrainian elections**. These videos were showing killing of innocent people and the black deeds of politicians and so a political instability was created just before the elections.

Another example of political instability which was created and fueled by media is **Hasina Wajid's** fifteen yeared government decline on **5th of August 2024**.

Media played a vital role to instigate and provoke the students for protest which led to fall of democracy.

Biased media can also be used as a weapon to get benefits and privileges like others. For example, U.S.A started a twitter trend to support **Ukraine** against **Russia** with a hashtag **#UnitedforUkraine**. This hashtag went trending.

A **Russian** cyber group hacked their twitter account and used their hashtag **#UnitedforUkraine** to post their photos and videos to get views and likes.

Media can also deface the democracy of a state. Many rival states used media as a tactic to deface the opponent and drag its image. In the age of globalization where we are highly connected this connection may prove

injurious to the reputation of a country. Any country can make a notorious statement and can spread it through social media to harm the image of democracy. "Democracy

is actually a govt. of people by the people for the people" said by Aristotle.

By spreading ill-statements and notorious news about opponent democracy one can hinder the growth, development and its economic stability.

Biased Media

is a source of Conspiracy theories to create conflicts and wars. For example

India always gets the help of social media to create a conspiracy about Pakistan so that a regional tension may be created.

In case of **Abhinandhan** and his fighter jet India created a conspiracy theory and promulgated it to worsen the image of Pakistan. But the reality was different from that of their created stories. He was a spy and was smashed within Pakistan's boundary. India always used such tactics to create conspiracies and tension in the region so that we can not go for bilateral talks. The war of 1948, 1965 and 1971 all are due to conspiracy theories of India created by social and print media.

Hence, we can conclude that Media is the main culprit and threat to the democracies. It can

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be a source of mis-information or rumours which may provoke public and can change their thinking, vision, mission and ideology. Media can be used to defame the opponent party or state for its own benefit. It can lead to conspiracies and conflicts between states hence a threat to the democracy. We can hopefully say that social, electronic and print media may become responsible and will propagate only authentic and censored news and will promote harmony and democracy.