

SECTION A

QUESTION No 2

Discuss the nature and extent of US President and the PM of UK. What makes the US president more powerful? Discuss.

Introduction

It is often marked that US President wields the greatest amount of authority, that any other person in democratic countries of the world.

Lord Bryce, regarded the American Presidency as the greatest office in the world. However, the powers of US president are limited by the system of checks and balances. The PM of UK, has its powers under the parliamentary form of

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government and that strict separation of power and system of checks and balance is not visible in the parliamentary system of UK, but being the President of the most powerful state of the world, the President of US is regarded as the most powerful position in the world.

Nature and Extent of Power of US President And PM of UK

American
President

UK's
Prime Minister

1- Term of Office

The term of US president is constitutionally secured which is 4 years and he cannot be removed, unless impeached by congress

The term of office of UK's PM is not secured. He remains in power ~~be~~ as long as he has 50+1 votes in the house.

2- Elections

US president is directly elected through electoral college.

He is appointed by the leader of majority party, who comes in government.

3- Constitutional Status

As of presidential form of government, he is both head of the state and head of the government.

UK's PM is only head of the government because in UK there exists parliamentary form of government.

4- Relation with Legislature

President of US is neither the part of nor responsible to legislature.

While UK's PM is the part of legislature and he is also responsible to legislature as well.

5- Dissolution of the House

US President cannot dissolve house as he is not the part of the house

British PM can dissolve the house and can call for re-elections.

6- Power of Making Appointments

The US President has the power to appoint but with the share approval of senate

British ~~PM~~ ^{Monarch} can make appointments on the advise of the PM

7- Relation with Cabinet

The members of the cabinet are appointed by the President and

he can also remove them at any time on his will.

The cabinet members are directly elected representatives and are the part of legislature. So, PM neither appoints them nor has the power to remove them.

US President More Powerful Than UK's PM

The US president is considered more powerful than the British PM because the US system provides for a more independent, centralized executive with a fixed term and direct electoral legitimacy. In contrast the Prime Minister of UK is more restricted by the parliament, requires its support to remain in office, and has a less centralized system of power. The separation of powers in the US gives

the President greater authority in foreign policy, military command and executive actions as compared to the PM's dependence on legislature in Parliamentary system.

Conclusion:

To conclude, US President is considered to be the most powerful head in all the democracies over the world but its powers within the country are restricted by the separation of powers which is really strict and the system of checks and balances.

But as he is the head of the most powerful state of the world He is considered the powerful among all. While comparing with its powers with the British Prime Minister, it has an upper hand because US has a presidential form of government as compared to Parliamentary system in UK.

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Question No 7:

What played major role in the modern-day populism, political parties and their leaders; interest groups and lobbies; or media and propaganda? Critically analyze.

Introduction:

The development of modern day populism has been strongly influenced by political parties and their leaders, interest groups and lobbies and media as well as propaganda. All these factors combinedly affects and played an important role in the promotion of modern day populism. These all elements interest with populism, to shape and mobilize it.

Role of Political Parties and their Leaders In Modern Day Populism

1- Leadership Driven Populism

Many populist movements are often led by charismatic political figures who position themselves as supporters of common people against the elite.

These political leaders often portray themselves as away from the elite and a part of common people and then people start praising them for their simple nature as they try to connect with the people.

Donald Trump is often seen as using his rhetoric to attract the general public and to rally supporters.

2- Populist Political Parties

In some countries, political parties adopt populist ideologies to gain a mass following. These political parties align their political agenda with the people's interest and show that they are the well wishers of the common people. PTI in Pakistan is an example of populist political party. It has a huge support base and people follow their political ideology.

3- Interest Groups and Lobbies

Interest groups and lobbies also played an important role in increasing modern day populism. As interest groups including labour unions, business lobbies and trade

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associations often align with populist movements when their members feel their interests are being undermined by other forces.

They support populist parties and populist leaders to make benefits for themselves because these parties have a large populous behind them.

3- Media and Propaganda in Promoting Populism

Modern populism is heavily shaped by social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Youtube, where leaders and supporters can directly communicate with the public by passing traditional media filters. Populist leaders often use social media platforms to present themselves

authentic and genuine to the public. Social Media Campaigns run by the PTI leaders and supporters is one of the best example of how populist narrative shaping is affected by Media.

Propaganda:

Propaganda is a powerful tool for populist leaders to create divisive narratives.

Populist movements often use propaganda to build the us vs them dichotomy, portraying the people that they are virtuous and their narrative is for the best possible interest of the people while the others are dangerous to the sovereignty of the state and peace and stability of its people.

Populist propaganda usually focuses on victimhood portraying the common people as oppressed by their opponents.

CONCLUSION

All these factors play a very important role in the development of modern day populism. It thrives in an environment where political populist leaders can use interest groups, lobbying, media and propaganda to resonate populist rhetoric.

The dynamics between these elements foster a powerful populist movement that can challenge traditional political norms and structures.