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Essay.

Q5- The challenges and Triumphs of Democracy in the 21st Century

Outlines:

1- Introduction:

2- Status of Democracy in 21st Century.

3- Challenges of Democracy in the 21st Century

- (a) Polarized Politics challenging democracy
- (b) Rising of Ultra Nationalism, threat to democracy
- (c) Illiteracy remains a challenge
- (d) Curbing the Power of Institutions (Democratic)
- (e) Controlled and Biased Media
- (f) ~~For~~ Promotion of Mis-information using Technology to achieve self-interests.
- (g) Ban on Fundamental Rights on the pretext of false allegations.

4- Triumphs of Democracy in the 21st Century

- (a) Provided voice to marginalized segments
- (b) Democracy helped in achieving Human Rights
- (c) Introduced Accountability Concept of Leaders
- (d) Democracy improved Governance

- (e) Helped to Highlight and Resolution of Gender discrimination.
- (f) Provided the Opportunity to Associate for a Cause.
- (g) Democracy Helped to Bring the Issues in National Agenda.
- (h) Equality of Citizens Achieved through Democracy.

5- ~~Conclusion~~: Recommendations

6- Conclusion.

Nowadays people around the globe face unique set of challenges in our current political, economic and social systems, especially the young ones. They are the first to be affected by political and social issues, yet, their voices are overlooked by policy makers, community leaders and mainstream media. We know that today's young generation of voters want things to work the way they assume. This is a good thing and a bad ones also. But it depends upon the discourse they choose. If they choose the agreed principles of democracy then

the outcome will be in a positive direction but if they resort to the violent methods that are against rationel and disturbs the p peace then the outcomes will be a challenge to overcome to the relewant quarters. The 21st century has been witnessing critical changes that are creating challenges and consolidating the achievement of democracy. The century due to the advancements has exacerbated the challenges including of democracy including. the rise of weak valued political leaders leading to polarized atmosphere of democracy. The polarized politics also causing ultra-nationalism among the citizens on the cost of undermining difference of opinions. In this way, the political leaders are using every chance to remain in power whether by hook or by crook at the expanses of pluristic society. But there are some achievements to celebrate that democratic process has made for the masses. It has helped in raising the voices and issues of the marginalized segment. It has ensured their participation to very extend. In the 21st century democracy ~~has~~ is facing major challenges but it has also made some progress.

In the status of democracy in many countries is dependent upon the quality of education, practice of their social norms, the role of media and the effectiveness of accountability institutions. However, in the 21st century there are many critical changes occurred that has impacted many sectors and democracy is no exception.

In the 21st century the rise of polarization has impacted the democracy. The prevailing behavior among people of self-rightness has contributed to undermined pluralism in the society. In this way, everyone is imposing their own ideas in violent way. Hence polarized politics is a challenge to the democratic process.

Ultra-Nationalism has negative impact on democracy. The extreme rise of national superiority among some nations has lead them to exploit other nations. Thus in this way they are violating the right of other usually small or weak nations. This is against the spirit of democracy. Hence ultra-nationalism is also a challenge to a democracy in 21st century.

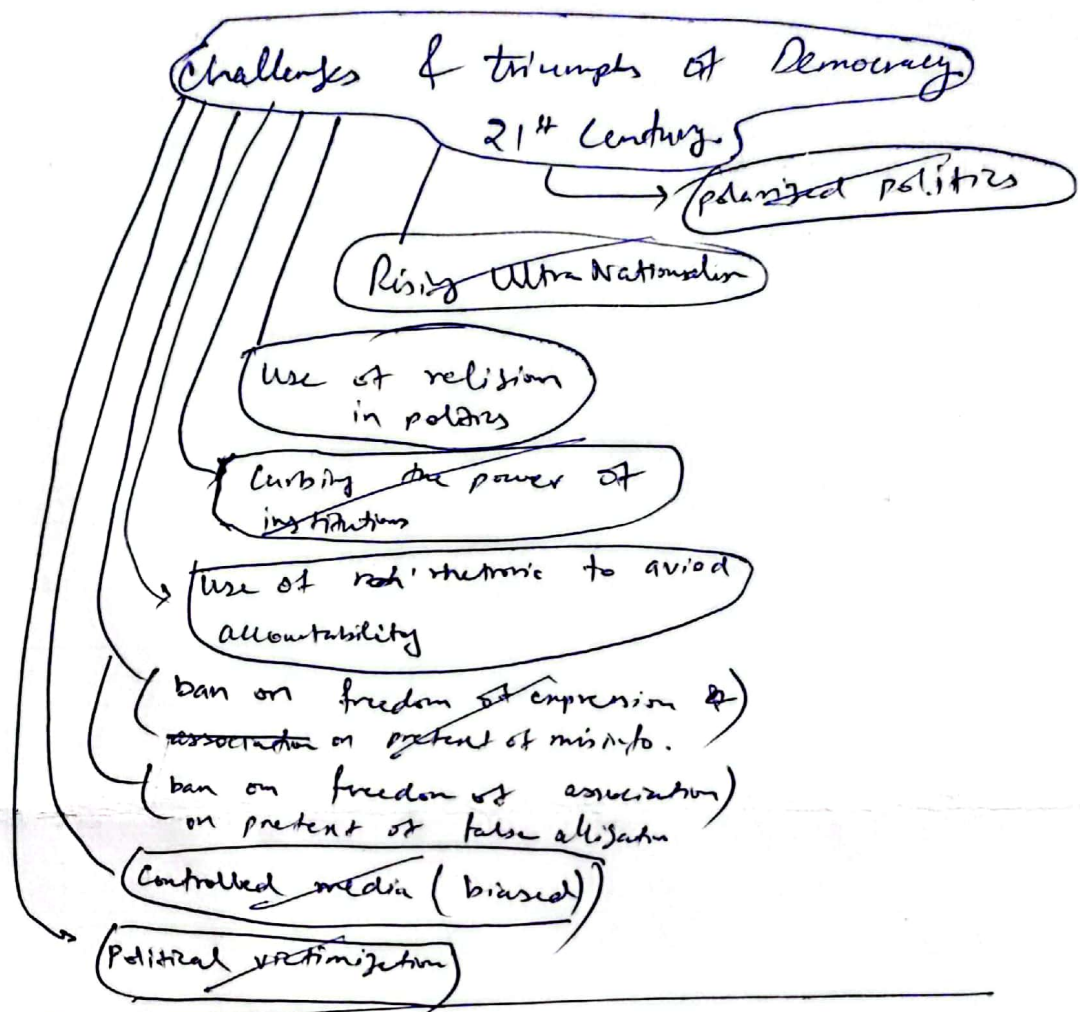
Illiteracy among masses is a major challenge of democracy. Illiteracy leads to poor understanding of democratic values and lack of awareness regarding their rights. In a nutshell, illiteracy is still remained a hurdle in the progress of democratic process.

Institutions of political accountability are very important in checking the actions of political leaders and ensure fairness in democratic process. Some leaders curb the powers of these institution which is against the democratic principles as it undermines fairness.

Media is considered the fourth pillar in democracy. For the progress of democratic process it should be free and unbiased in presenting the facts to the public. But it has been that media is threatened and bribed to show biased picture of an event.

The fairness in decision making is dependent upon the information. In 21st century the perception of people can be changed easily with using technologically advanced tools. This can impact the governance which is the beauty of democracy.

Brain Storming



- ↳ ~~Provided voice to some extent~~ → ~~marginalized segment~~
- ↳ ~~Ensured Human Rights, helped in achieving~~
- ↳ ~~Avoided wars.~~
- ↳ Equality of Citizens
- ↳ ~~Accountability~~ → ~~introduced concept~~ → ~~to mass~~
- ↳ ~~Improvement in governance~~
- ↳ ~~Helped to highlight & resolution of gender discrimination~~
- ↳ Democracy helped to bring issues in National Agenda
- ↳ ~~Unity for a cause. provided the opportunity to unite.~~