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## Essay

The Role of Political Leadership in Undermining Democracy in Third World Countries.

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However, there are methods that can improve role of political leaders in third world countries

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Political leaders can be an asset for a country if they serve a country without bias. In contrast, they become a burden on a country if they embroil with their own interests. Regrettably, third world countries are in the grapple of latter one. Due to their aggressive policies such as authoritarian tendencies and increasing corruption democracy has not flourished in the countries. In addition, lack of ~~political~~ moral standard in political leaders has further weakened democracy in third world countries. Similarly, dynasty based politics and erosion of civil liberties have further pushed back democracy in third world countries. Moreover, illiteracy and

Short sightedness of politicians are also causes of failure of democracy in third world countries. In addition, not only continuous electoral manipulation but also traditional loyalty of people to politicians has undermined democracy in third world countries. However, there are methods that can improve political leadership in the countries for instance, ~~strong~~ ensuement of strong judiciary and encouraging vibrant role of media. In addition, a disciplined election and political awareness among the people are also necessary for the advancement of political leadership. In fact, political leaders have undermined democracy in third world countries in multiple ways including

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continuous electoral manipulation and escalating authoritarian tendencies. However, there are methods that can improve role of political leaders in third world countries.

The term "Third World" originated during the cold war to categorize countries that remained non-aligned with either NATO or Warsaw pact. Specifically, the ~~term~~ third world represented the Non-aligned movement that led by India and Yugoslavia along with other neutral countries.

To begin with, political leaders forget their commitments as they win in elections. They often centralize power in order to suppress dissent and weaken democratic institutions. Similarly, they do not fulfill basic

needs of people due to their self interest. Though they do some work where they have some benefits such as construction of roads and bridges. In addition, they do not do any progressive work in health, education and economic sector of their respective countries. Due to their hawkish policies the plight of these sectors is worst in third world countries. Briefly, political leaders do not fulfill their manifestos after winning elections.

Due to <sup>rising</sup> corruption third world countries are on the mercy of International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank (WB). In these countries majority of politicians are corrupt.

They join politics so that they enjoy a luxurious life. The recent "Dubai Leaks" is one of the great examples of their corruption. As per the records 23,000 properties are owned by Pakistani politicians. Due to excessive corruption third world countries are ranked as the most corrupt countries around the globe by "German Watch Dog". In short, corruption has made/compelled third world countries to climb into "buses" of the IMF and World Bank.

Moreover, in democratic elections every citizen has the right to contest. Regrettably, often incompetent leaders are elected as representatives of people in third world countries. They do not:

do any good thing for the progress of their citizens. The reason is, they are unaware about basic rights of human beings and their own responsibility. Due to their lazy works democracy has not flourished in third world countries. For instance, Balochistan and Sindh provinces of Pakistan including Jammu and Kashmir province of India are often faced by incompetent leaders. Briefly, every individual can contest in elections in democratic countries.

Furthermore, there is lack of moral standard in political parties. Because muscle and money power go hand in hand during elections. Candidates become characterless during this process and moral falls.



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Even due to thirst of power they do not respect their family members and relatives who supports the rival party. Actually they are unaware about democracy. Because in democracy every one has the right to support and cast its vote in favour of its favourite person/candidate. Regrettably, it does not happen in third world countries. Voters are often seen in disrespecting ~~and~~ manifestos and advertisement of rival political parties. In short, moral standard is decreasing in political parties.

Moreover, dynasty based politics is also responsible for the failure of democracy in Pakistan, India and others. Since the inception

of both countries major political parties are lead by inheritors. Though they have many competent leaders in the party, the leadership of party is often transferred to inheritors. Maryam Nawaz and Bilawal Bhutto are great example of dynasty based politics in Pakistan. Similarly, they often get the chance to lead as ~~the~~ prime ministers and chief ministers. Briefly, dynasty based has undermined democracy in third world countries.

In addition, the incompetent leaders restricts freedom of speech of press in third countries. However, democracy allows every one to share their view freely.

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Similarly, media has the right to expose unable leaders. In contrast, political leaders have banned them. Because freedom of expression is an disrespect of politicians. The media shows their hawkish policies which they do under the subordinate of their power. For instance, Chinese does not have right of expression and Punjab government in Pakistan has banned freedom of press by passing an act. Briefly, unable politicians are against from expression of views and media in third world countries.