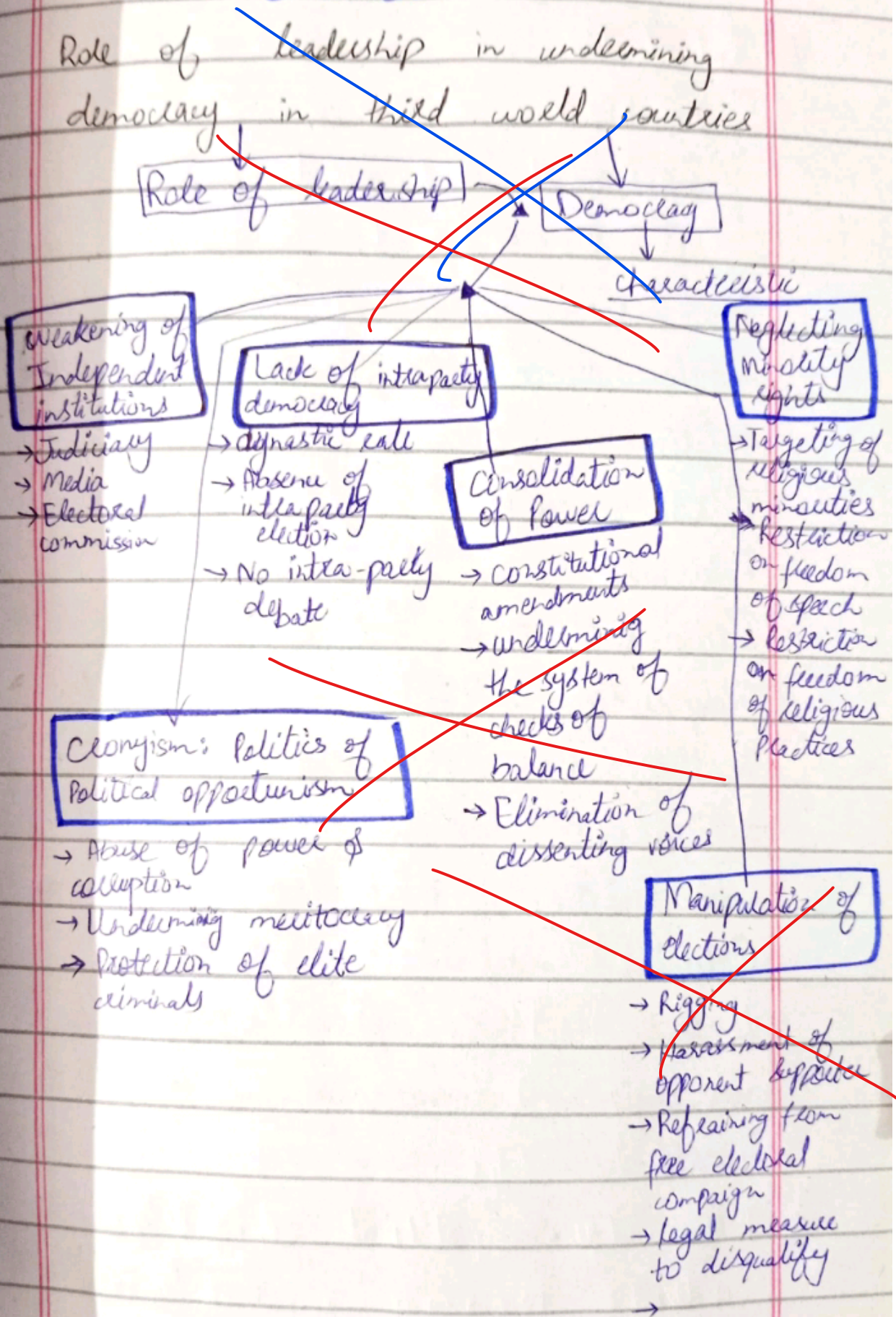


# Brainstorm

Role of leadership in undermining democracy in third world countries



# Outline

## 1- Introduction

1.1. Hook

1.2. General Background

1.3. Thesis statement;

Democracy is the government of people <sup>which is the most prevalent form of government in the world</sup> hence ~~is the most successful~~ political idea in the world.

Third world countries, including Pakistan, <sup>Pakistan have been struggling</sup> ~~are struggling~~ for democratization since their independence. Among many hurdles in the way toward democratization, attitude of political leadership is of great importance. Colonial mentality of political leaders is the main factor in undermining democracy in third world.

2- How does political leadership undermine Democracy in third world countries?

2.1. Lack of Democracy within political parties

a) Dynasty rule

b) Absence of intraparty elections

c) No tradition of intra-party debate on critical national issues

- Case study of Pakistan

2.2. Consolidation of Power

a) Constitutional amendments

- 8<sup>th</sup> amendment in Zia regime

b) Undermining the system of checks and balances

- NAB Bill amendment 2021

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c) Eliminating rivals or dissenting voices

2.3. Neglecting minority rights

a) Targeting of religious and ethnic minorities by political parties

- Article of PEW Research Centre

b) Restriction on freedom of speech and religious practice

## - Case study of India

c) Inequal provision of rights

## - 38<sup>th</sup> Journal of Indo-Pacific affair 2018

2.4- Weakening <sup>the</sup> independent institutions

a) Controlling the press and media

## - Case study of Pakistan and North Korea

b) Polarization of judiciary

## - Panama case 2018

c) Undermining of electoral commission

## - Form 47 in 8 feb 2024 elections of Pakistan

2.5- Manipulation of elections

a) Refraining opponents from electoral campaign

b) Harassment of opponent supporters

c) Legal and administrative measures to disqualify opponents

d) Rigging the election

## - Pakistan elections 2024

2.6- Cronyism: politics of political

opportunism

a) Abuse of power and corruption

- Lord action

b) Patronage and kinship

- Pakistan, A Haed country

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c) Favouing friend and associations  
by undermining meritocracy

3. How to strengthen democracy in  
third world countries?

a) Implementing the rule of law

b) Constitutional guarantee of Human  
rights including minorities

c) Impartial courts should be  
established

d) Educating people about democracy

4. Conclusion.

# The Essay

R. M. Hutchins stated that, The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction through apathy, indifference and undernourishment. This quote represent that inequalities are the major reason behind ~~democracy's~~ death and these inequalities become prevalent <sup>in any society</sup> by apathic behaviour of political parties. Political leadership of any country has the ability either to flourish democracy or to undermine it. Democracy acted as a milestone in the development of Global North. for instance USA (America) democratic system strengthened after the civil rights movement and made America a world superpower. Developing countries of third world have been struggling for democratization

since the independence and Pakistan is also the one of them. Democracy is the government that is governed by the people hence it is the most successful political system in the world. But there are many hurdles in the way towards democratisation in third world countries, apathetic and colonial attitude of political leaders is the significant most. Political leadership of third world countries is undermining the Democracy by <sup>interparty</sup> lacking <sup>democracy</sup>, consolidating power, Neglecting minority rights, weakening the independent institutions, manipulation of elections and cronyism. These are the dimensions that will be discussed in upcoming paragraphs.

Democracy is derived from Greek words "Demos" means people and "Kratos" means government.

As stated by US president  
Abraham Lincoln Democracy is  
a government of the people,  
by the people and for the people.  
It is a form of government in  
which people choose who will  
govern them. In this system