

Essay:-

# Democracy: The Hollow Facade without human rights.

## Outline Heading:-

A true democracy can not exist without the protection of human rights.

### I- Introduction:-

#### 1.1 Attention Grabber:-

"Democracy without human rights, is a house built on sand" or without solid basis.

#### 1.2 Thesis Statement :-

While democratic systems acknowledge ~~the~~ and offer framework for political participation, but true democracy cannot exist without the fundamental guarantee of human rights. e.g. speech, race and religion.

### II- Main ~~And~~ Body:-

#### 2.1 :- Soul of democracy.

#### 2.2- Pillars of democracy:-

(a) Freedom of speech

(b) Equility of

(c) Rule of law

(d) Respect

#### 2.3- Importance of Human rights.

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- (a) Human rights under democracy
- (b) Examples of human rights  
violations.
- (c) Restrictions.

#### 2.4 Challenges and Solutions:

- (a) Feudalism
- (b) Illiteracy
- (c) Lack of confidence in People.
- (d) Failure of responsible institutions.

#### 2.5 Solutions :-

- (a) International pressure and sanctions.
- (b) Strengthen of democratic institutions.
- (c) Promotion of education and awareness in Public.

### III - Conclusion:-

A call to actions

By support of organizations that defend human rights.

"Freedom can not exist without democracy, and democracy cannot function without freedom of human rights."

This statement was given by former President of United States of America "Jimmy Carter". It's a clear message that explains the importance of human rights.

Democracy is the fruitful system in which nobody or any person living in that ~~have~~ state have <sup>not</sup> any regret that he does not participated in the matter of state which is selection of leadership of the state. So, in democratic system all policy makers are chosen by the nation. In this sense democracy provides <sup>to everybody</sup> <sub>a power</sub>.

But it doesn't mean that democracy or democratic system is applied only for electing the leaders, it is the system which provides guarantee of human rights, such as freedom of speech, equality, protection, a constitution. So the actual meaning of democracy is "the rule by the people".

According to great philosopher "Karl Marx"

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"Democracy is the best revenge of poor". It is truth but if is implemented truthfully, otherwise its the 'hollow cascade'."

If we talk about freedom of speech it is the principle in which people are allowed to express their opinions, expressions and ideas without and fear of punishment by the government. Freedom of speech is also the major element of human rights. Because it is the fundamental right of every human being. It is legal and allowed in constitutions of many countries around the world.

The Article-19 in Pakistan's constitution allows the freedom of speech. It is major character of democratic system implemented in Pakistan. But there are some restrictions in this context such as against the glory of Islam, the integrity, security and defence of Pakistan and contempt of court and these restrictions are reasonable. These are not against the democracy because sovereignty of Pakistan is top priority.

The other pillars of democracy is 'equity'. It could be in sense of gender, race and religion. If we talk about

gender, it is the basic thing. Because any gender should have equal rights as they are human beings. In developing and backward areas of Pakistan it is neglected. Due to illiteracy the gender discrimination is on top, for example in Sindh the underage marriages of girls, marriages with holy book, in the context, to save the wealth of their family. It occurs mostly in "Wadera" culture in Sindh. It can be said its clear failure of law and order departments.

A famous saying by a famous poet T.S. Eliot "Laws grind the poor, and rich men rule the law". This is strong argument and somewhere it is really a truth, where it is truth we can say there is democracy, there is no implementation of constitution. Because law and constitution never allows such kind of nonsense acts, where rich is beyond the law. Rich in context of wealth, rich in context of power, for example the so called land lords and feudals who assumes themselves

superior than others. These kinds of actions and things are totally not acceptable in democracy. ~~of these~~ There is also no respect of clement is present in that kind of society.

A famous saying by "Martin Luther King" "Injustice anywhere is a threat to Justice everywhere". This statement explains the importance of human rights. Justice is the base of human rights. The country where courts are powerful, the people of that country never dissapointed and confident their dignity is in safe hands, even poor one feels relaxed and confident but in a country where courts are just build, for a symbol of justice, there is not morality found, insitutions loose their dignity and trust. In recent days in Pakistan many judges recieves the harsh letters in which they were threaten and asked them to go against law. This was the clear example of injustice and could be a cause of loosing trust by nation in the

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courts. Anywhere in the country if somebody or poor person is exploited in any context, he says to the powerful person or to opponent "I will see you in the court". It's showing the courts are the hope of people but this kind of incidents happens the people will lose that little bit hope at last and these kinds of examples only be found in that countries where "no democracy" or a "weak democracy".

If we have a look on challenges towards human rights in ~~dem~~ democracy, the major challenge is Feudalism. Because the key elements of feudalism such as landlords, their narrow minded thoughts are the basic reasons, and they suppose themselves from above the law. So in these areas where feudalism is on peak, there is no democracy.

Another common reason is illiteracy. People with low literacy are the main cause, because they don't know their rights, even they do not know whom to

They vote. Sometime, they <sup>can</sup> vote in favour of any powerful and landlord of their area, which is not the true representative,

Major reason of and big challenge toward the lack of human rights in democracy is the responsible institutions those control the law and order in the country. If they do not active while miserable situations and incidents happening in the country, how will it be sort out.

If we move forward to the solutions of this problem, International pressure and sanctions could be the right option. ~~to~~ The responsible institutions of the country will be attentive and will do all the required measures in this context.

Democratic institutions for example parliament, senate, judiciary are basic elements behind democracy if these institutions will be powerful, there will be less chance of dictatorship or non-democratic elements will be effected on the democracy.



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Furthermore promotion of education is the best way to arise the nation, they will be aware of what's happening in the country, how they act against the violations of human rights and their own rights.

In conclusion, democracy presents a system with the potential for fair representation and government by the people, it is merely the hollow facade without the fundamental human rights. The absence of these rights renders democracy powerless and we can say meaningless and useless democracy.