

Pakistan Affairs MOKK.

Q:3 Introduction:-

The basis of democracy is people or so to say educated people. A democracy is only able to sustain and continue if it is equipped with education.

The success democracies around the world are the ones that have the most education participants both as citizens and leaders. Education goes hand in hand with democracy and cannot flourish

without. To create a functioning, robust economy, it is essential for education to be its building block.

Basis of Democracy:

A democracy would be functioning and robust if it allows its citizens to participate fairly and freely. The democratic governments are strengthened with fair elections that show the mandate of the people. An election is not only fair when it is administered fairly rather when the voter is well aware of their own needs and well-being. An educated voter is able to vote based on his/her interest, (leading to) creating a representative government.

There are specifically two basis of a functioning robust democracy. It requires the following two things.

(i) Healthy, educated followership

(ii) Educated, Morally grounded leadership

Healthy, Educated Followership:

It is one of the requirements of a functioning and representative democracy. An educated voter is well-informed and is able to decide sensibly without any exterior pressure or motive

* Lack of ^{Political} ~~educ~~ awareness:

Lack of awareness leads to poor democratic decisions and uninformed electoral decisions. In many countries around the world including Pakistan, the democratic system is in shambles due to lack of political awareness among the masses that leads to poor decision making.

* Manipulation:

The uneducated lot of the society is easy ~~and~~ prey

to manipulation and emotional blackmailing. With no educational backgrounds, many voters get manipulated and are bought by rich political parties. Votes are sold and the rich party forms the so-called democratic government.

* Equal vote of all:

In democracy, every citizen holds equal right to vote and (have) every vote has similar value and grounding. A vote of a poor man is same as that of a rich one. When there is equality in voting, every voter should be provided with basic knowledge and awareness to understand the importance of his vote. This is only possible by promoting education and providing access to all.

Educated Leadership

A democracy would be fully functional and robust (only w)^o in the presence of educated leadership. This Education is not only essential for the voters but also essential for the candidate. Only a well-educated leader would be able to make well-informed political decisions. Economics, defense, foreign policy, governance etc are all tricky matters and it is (must for)^o importance for the leadership handling these matters to be well-equipped.

Morally Grounded Leadership

The leadership of any company is the ideal of that country. They are the representatives of the entire nation, and in making decisions on behalf of the

people. They are the representation of the country in international communities. Only a morally correct leader would be able to maintain the image of the country. In the globalized world every country is dependent on one another. In such a world, it is important to maintain international image to benefit from the great economies of the world. Thus having morally grounded leadership is one of the basis of establishing functional robust democracy in any country in the world.

* Accountability:

To create morally grounded leadership, it is compulsory to maintain strict check and balance and having high accountability of the representative group. Without

this in the practice, a democracy would never be stable and successful.

► Ownership of Vote:

The citizens of any democratic country need to own their votes and should be held responsible for their electoral decision. Every citizen needs to know the importance of casting votes to the right, morally correct and well-educated individual. Because it has an impact on both the individual lives of a citizen and the overall system of the country.

Conclusion:

There are multiple facets of a functional robust democracy with educated citizens and the leadership is the strongest basis of

it. Without achieving this, no country is able to achieve successful democratic system.