

Democratic unrest in Pakistan: Causes and consequences

Outline:

- (I) Introduction
- (II) Overview of democratic unrest in Pakistan
- (III) Causes of Democratic unrest in Pakistan:

(1): Political polarization undermines consensus on core issues of Pakistan

(2): Power imbalance among democratic and non-democratic institutions deteriorate spirit of democracy

(3): Absence of principle of separation of power impedes checks and balance among institutions

(4): Politics of regionalism overshadows national development

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(5): Constitutional reforms undermining judicial independence and accountability

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(6): Absence of consensus on distribution of divisible pool tax among provinces and center.

(7): Excessive digital surveillance and suppression of right to ~~free~~ speech and expression

(8): Allegations of electoral manipulation undermine democratic spirit of free and fair elections

(IV) Consequences of democratic unrest in Pakistan:

(1): political instability and policy inconsistency

(2): Economic stagnation caused by frequent regime changes

(3) Social disintegration due to failure of democratic institutions

(4): Public distrust in democratic process and institutions

(5): Corruption and elite capture caused by lack of transparency and accountability.

(6): Weaponization of accountability mechanisms and political victimization due to weak politicized institutions

(v) Way Forward for consideration of democratic values

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Conclusion