

③ Topic: Causes and Consequences of Delayed Justice

Outline

A. Introduction

Thesis Statement

There are various causes of delayed justice that result in unprecedented consequences for the large segment of the society. However, these challenges can be overcome by taking proactive policy measures.

B. What is Delayed Justice

C. Causes of Delayed Justice

1. Outdated laws
2. Politicization of Judiciary
3. Prevalence of Corruption
4. Lack of internal accountability within the judiciary
5. Prevalence of backlogs in courts

C. Consequences of Delayed Justice

1. Deterioration of law and order situations.
2. Decline of trust in state's institutions
3. Prevalence of crimes
4. Reluctance of investors to invest due to the lack of protection of their property rights

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5. Political polarization due to the politicization of judiciary

6. Lack of check and balance over institutions

D. Recommendations to ensure speedy justice

1. Ensuring internal accountability within the judiciary

2. up gradation of outdated laws

3. Making judiciary independent

E. Conclusion

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Essay

An independent judiciary is a guarantee of speedy justice to the aggrieved party. Pakistan's judicial history depicts a contrasting picture. The execution of former prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in 1979, and the Supreme Court's verdict in 2023 that his trial was unfair underscore the presence of multifaceted causes that lead to delayed justice. These include outdated laws, politicization of judiciary, prevalence of corruption, lack of internal accountability, and prevalence of backlogs in courts. Moreover, these multifaceted challenges converge into a perfect storm that results in harrowing consequences, such as deterioration of law and order situations, decline of trust in state's institutions, prevalence of crimes, low investment, political paralyzation, and lack of check and balance over other institutions. Though daunting the challenges may seem, they can be overcome by taking bold policy measures, like ensuring internal accountability within

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the judiciary, up gradation of outdated laws, and making judiciary independent. In a nutshell, there are various causes of delayed justice that result in unprecedented consequences for the large segment of the society. However, these challenges can be overcome by taking proactive policy measures.