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Introduction.

Pakistan has faced the polarization since the independence, the deaths of Quaid-e-Azam & Liaquat Ali Khan was the start of it unlike congress which had no impact of the deaths of its prominent leaders like Gandhi or Nehru -

Political polarization had caused greater damage to the country, the instability economic or political has caused the nation - to move forward as much as other neighbouring countries -

The political leaders took the benefit of the situations for the vote bank and to ~~had~~ run the country for personal benefits - Mostly the basis is the energy crisis, electoral reforms. Various other factors such as poverty, unemployment, corruption etc -

Polarization

It refers to the distinct opposite ideological views that led to the division in the society. These cause the extremism leaving no room for compromise.

And Political parties took advantage of such situations for personal benefits.

Types of Polarization.

The two types of Polarization are as follow:

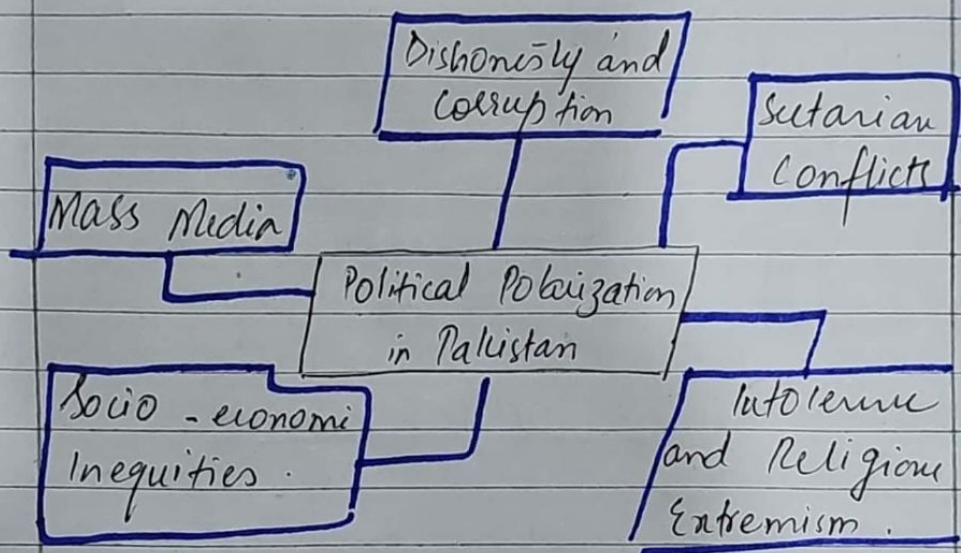
1- Elite Polarization

Elite polarization involves the political parties, basically between the government and the opposing party found in a democratic settings.

2- Mass Polarization

It occurs when the difference in the ideologies and approaches causes the gap in the society, and general public which grow distant.

IMPACT Of Political Polarization in Pakistan



1- Dishonesty and Corruption.

Pakistan ranks 127 out of 175 countries in the world, in corruption the political nepotism & dishonesty in employment sector are the major issues faced by the country. This is also in judiciary system not only politics.

Serious issues like poverty, unemployment etc are somewhat consequences of internal issues. As corruption causes unfair distribution of the resources. It also impacts the accountability negatively.

2 - Sectarian Conflicts

This issue is faced by country for almost 27 years, resulting in thousands of deaths from terrorist act. One recent example of this is Parachinar massacre, which in result caused the "sit in" protests in major cities of country disturbing the daily life of the public.

3 - Intolerance and Religious Extremism

One of the leading cause of increase in polarization is the increase in intolerance and religious extremism day by day. This results in new violence everyday, one of the example is of Salman Taseer murder case, the involunt of his guard due to different opinions about the Blasphemy. Another major problem faced in Sindh the abduction of the Hindu girls and forced conversion to Islam.

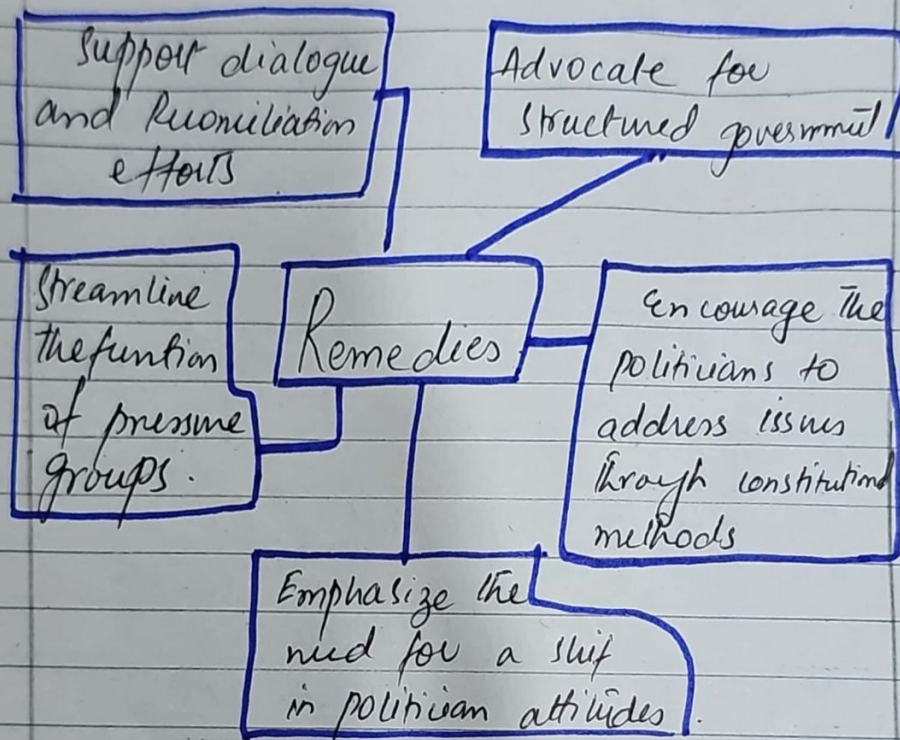
4- Socio-economic Inequities

Socio-economic Inequities means unfair distribution of resources among public - This ~~is~~ creates barrier in the growth of country - In Pakistan this is a day to day challenge, that majority of the public cannot afford the basics rights such as jobs, health care, education etc. - The gap between rich and poor in Pakistan is huge which keeps growing more and more.

5- Mass Media

The involution of social media in Pakistan is another major factor which contributed to the the polarization - Social media Apps like, Facebook, Instagram, whatsapp has become the battlegrounds for people - Public has taken advantage of freedom of speech quite negatively, sharing their point of views and other critical and important information without ~~any~~ even confirming the authenticity of the news -

Remedies to Control the Polarization.



1. Advocate for Structured Government

The democratic foundation is weak, the democratic governments often take the opposite approach to the military causing uneven federal system. So the strengthening the local government is important for the betterment of the country.

2- Encourage the Politicians to address issues through constitutional methods.

It is essential to take key steps to emphasize the importance of parliament and strengthen the constitutional measures to address the issues rather than the sit in protests "Dharnas". Involvement of other bodies such as civil society, media etc is also important.

3- Emphasize the need for a shift in politician attitudes.

The role of Politicians in shaping the a nation cannot be denied. A capable & and visionary leads to progress in country while the corrupts become the reason for downfall - Pakistani politicians should adapt the positive approach and attitude to the parliament regarding the issues-

4- Streamline the function of Pressure groups

The government must engage in dialogue with religious groups

and political parties outside of parliament encourage them to participate in the electoral process.

5- Support dialogue and Reconciliation Efforts

Platforms should be made by government to encourage discussions & stakeholders for the solutions of regional conflicts - Both political parties and government must support reconciliation and dialogue to reduce the tension and wait and work for harmony -

Conclusion

In conclusion the political polarization causes negative impacts in the country, the effects can be seen in the social conflicts, disagreements, a large number of protests etc.

To tackle the issues mentioned, the ~~team~~ government and political parties must work together to overcome it. Rather than the personal benefits, they must work in favor of the public to create harmony and progress the country.