

The Importance of Civic Sense in a

Developing Society:

Thesis Statement:

Cultivating civic sense is crucial for the sustainable development of any society.

A collective sense of responsibility, consideration of rules, and respect for dissent and dialogue will naturally follow states in the long run. Thus, states and societies must ensure developing civic sense through education, awareness, and narrative building around it.

Outline

I. Introduction

II. Importance of civic sense in a Developing Society.

A. Civic Sense ensures cultivating a culture of shared responsibility in societies.

Case in Point: Pakistan Citizen Portal, 2018.

B. The gaps between citizenship and state is bridged through developing civic sense.

Case in Point: Professional and apolitical bureaucracy

C. Civic sense is important to develop political consciousness among citizens.

Case in Point: Pakistan Lawyers Movement 2008

D. Through a shared civic sense, economic development of societies becomes inevitable.

Case in Point: Pakistan's low tax-to-GDP ratio (9%)

E. Developing a civic sense is crucial to ensure a social level playing field for all, regardless.

Case in Point: "Elite of labor" vs. "elite of leisure"

F. Civic sense is unprecedented in developing a law-abiding citizenry in true letter and spirit.

Case in Point: 2.1 million pending cases in supreme courts.

G. Civic sense brings administrative efficiency in state apparatuses.

Case in Point: Competition Commission of Pakistan

H. In a fast-paced technological world, civic sense becomes important to shield mis- and dis-information.

Case in Point: Trump's 2024 Misinfo Campaigns.

I. To protect the climate change vulnerable environments, civic sense becomes all-important.

Case in Point: COP 1 to COP 29 under UNECC.

J. Civic sense is important to foster social cohesion in communities.

Case in Point: Kiran Foundation in Lyari, Karachi.

K. In global civic sense, countries worldwide come together to fight injustice and inequality in all forms.

Case in point: Failed Global Civic sense in Gaza.

L. A domestic civic sense strengthens it against external interference or invasions.

Case in Point: Post-Pahalgam National Unity in Pakistan.

III. Conclusion.

It is the collective sense of responsibility that drives nations forward. It is the surest way to guarantee a balanced approach to rights and duties. When rights outweigh the duties, they become unmoored privileges. Whereas, when duties surpass rights, it ultimately leads to oppression and retrogression. Similarly, a nation wherein civic sense is in-built and deeply embedded in their collective consciousness, develops a culture of accountability. When everyone is responsible for their actions and decisions, transparency and effectiveness follow naturally. Thus, this way, the wedge between the rulers and the ruled is bridged in the process. In the long run, a sense of political consciousness develops among communities. Similarly, economic development too, follows naturally when societies shun the blame games. Moreover, a level playing field

in society grows where every citizen is treated on par and even-handedly regardless of their social status. This in turn, helps fostering a law-abiding society where rule of law reigns supreme.

Furthermore, a culture of civic sense helps bring administrative efficiency in state machinery as all nationals are bound in a sacred social contract on an equal footing. Similarly, civic sense among citizens acts as a natural shield to protect them from falling into mis- and dis-information campaigns. Thus, cultivating a civic sense is crucial for the sustainable development of any society. A collective sense of responsibility, consideration of rules and respect for dissent and dialogue will naturally follow states in the long run. Thus, states and societies must ensure developing civic sense through education, awareness, and ^{narrative} ~~training~~ building around it.