



THE FUTURE OF DEMOCRACY

Every era begins with a set of ^{new} ideas and concerns that defines the direction of human progress. "Future of Democracy" is a topic that surfaces in discussions on development, human well-being and the future of our country. India is a democratic country known for ^{its} vast varieties of cultures. Being a democratic country is what makes us a bit different from other countries. In this essay, I aim to analyse the key aspects of this topic and why it is important for a country like India and citizens like us in it.

In a democratic country, there will not be a single power ~~reign~~. Instead, the people of that country get to choose their leader. Before gaining Independence in 1947, India was in the hands of Britishers. In between all that, India had around 565 princely states. All of these princely states were controlled by a single power. Whereas, after gaining ~~the~~ Independence, India decided to be a democratic one and elected Jawaharlal Nehru as our first prime minister.



ADVANTAGES OF BEING A DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY:

1. NO INDIVIDUAL DOMINANCE:

As I have mentioned before, ~~India~~ in the olden days India ~~was~~ had around 565 princely states. And each of these princely states had its own ruler. But after adopting democracy, the Government of India was formed and ^{Dr.} Netaji B.R. Ambedkar built the constitution of India, making our country the people's country. India is a country made for ~~poor~~ people, by the people and for the people.

2. INDIVIDUAL RIGHT TO PROTEST:

We can call "Democracy" as the public's opinion. Because, in a democratic country, every individual has the right to vote and elect their leaders. ^{The public} ~~People have~~ has the right, freedom and voice to question the democracy. They can protest & conduct rallies. In a democratic country, the voice of each and every individual matters. Whether it be royals, government employees, low-class people or high-class people, they have the free will to address about their own rights.



3. EQUAL POWER DISTRIBUTION!

In kingdoms, a king or a royal family will lead the country, increasing their power. Whereas, in a democratic country, the powers are distributed equally. The country will have different leaders for different sections. Such as Prime minister, president & chief minister. And this is a good thing. Because, as long as no one has full power to a country, the public, the people of that country it's easy for the people of that country to file their issues.

CHALLENGES FACED BY DEMOCRACY

Despite all these advantages, there are a set of challenges faced by democracy. Such as:

1. CORRUPTION & FIGHT OVER POLITICAL PARTIES:

Corruption is a major topic that is discussed throughout our country right now. Some political parties or leaders may often have this tendency to accept corrupt. Corruption is the leading factor for breaking our India's democracy. Corruption is an unhealthy ^{practice} factor during election time. Corruption encourages money to gain rights instead of the people of that country.



2. CRIMINALISATION OF POLITICS:

Criminalisation of Politics means, people with criminal records getting into politics. This ~~weaken~~ will weaken ~~our~~ our country's democracy. And also, the government of a democratic country has the responsibility over its citizens. So, if criminals come into power, it's a threat to the citizens. Moreover, it'll take away the trust of the people of that country over its government.

3. LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT DEMOCRACY:

Even though India has been a democratic country for almost 79 years, many citizens still know nothing about voting or election. Especially the younger generation. It is a government's duty to acknowledge ^{its} people about its policies. And, it has come to our Indian government's attention. ~~for~~ So, they're planning and implementing new & different ways to spread information about politics. In a country, every citizen should correctly know about their rights & freedom. Because, as I have mentioned earlier, democracy means ~~pub~~ public's opinion.



As citizens of a democratic country, we all should ask ourselves this one question, Are we planning for a healthy democratic country in the future? or are we just saying and reacting to it?

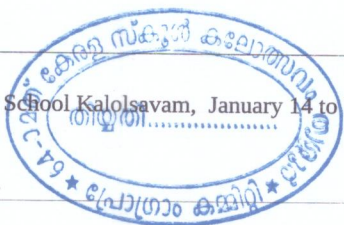
India, after being a big democratic country has gained a significant amount of achievements. So, it is quite essential for us to maintain and continue as a democratic country in the future.

We have already looked into the advantages of being a democratic country and the challenges faced by democracy. Now, we can look into some of the possibilities or the future of democracy:

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1. PARTICIPATION OF YOUTH IN POLITICS

Our first Prime minister had said once "The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow". Now, as we look around us today, we can see the relevance of Jawaharlal Nehru's words. Because, in the olden days, only senior citizens or middle aged people participated in politics. But the Lok Sabha election conducted last month rewrites



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rewrote^{the} history. A significant amount of young folks
stood as candidates and many of them also got elected.
Nowadays, let alone youths (18+), ~~to~~ even kids are raising
their voices. When we look in ^{to the} the future of democracy,
we can see today's young lads sitting in the positions
of prime ministers and presidents. And the optimistic
part is that, everyone is encouraging them. Our government
is planning & implementing new ideas and ~~programmes~~
programs to nurture & motivate the young generation.
Our educational system is making kids involve in politics
by giving them textbooks filled with political ideas, selecting
political subjects for competitions rather than objective topics
and also conducting a real democratic system in schools
through school election.

2. ROLE OF WOMEN IN DEMOCRACY:

Back in the olden days, only a few notable women
were engaged in politics. Whereas today, women are and
~~equally~~ men are equally participating. Women have
started to recognize their worth and they for sure have



decided to transform the world. women have started to actively involve in politics by participating in elections and representing our country in foreign affairs. So, if we take a look into the future, we can also see young ladies sitting right near others in our ~~Assembly hall~~ assembly hall.

3. A DEMOCRACY WITH UNITY:

When we look deeper into the future, ~~there will not be much~~ unity & equality stands at the top in Democracy. As per my calculations, there will not be much religion or caste based problems in the future, which is a good sign for our democracy. Because religion divides people ~~not either~~ (neither in a good way nor a bad way). So, if both of these factors are not there in the future to hinder a smooth moving ~~democracy~~, democratic country, that country will maintain a healthy democracy. Because ^{many} political parties nowadays are based on religions. Hence, people vote for ~~that~~ a party according to their religion instead of their capability. This will surely weaken a democratic system. ~~thereas, a~~ As citizens, we all can hope and hold our hands together for a democratic system with unity.



In conclusion, we can say that, a democratic country indeed has a bright future ahead of it, if maintained wisely. Each individual has the right to ~~change~~ express their opinions. In this essay, we have discussed about a democratic system, its advantages & challenges and most importantly, its future. As we delve into the future of democracy, we all can see a massive amount of young folks, whether it be men or women, actively participating in our country's ~~affair~~ political affairs. As I have mentioned before, "democracy means the public's opinion". Everyone one of us have the right and tools to work a new beginning for our country. Our educational system is providing us with relevant and current political topics and also promoting us to learn about our democracy. Our government is bringing new ideas & ways for us to work effectively for our country. ~~And it is us who should let us~~ As Howard Zinn had said once "small actions, done by millions can transform the world". Like that, as citizens of a proud democratic country, let us hold our hands ~~together~~ and work together for a better future for our democracy and for us.