

Democracy: A form of Government or a Human instinct?

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1. Abstract

This paper deals with the question that is democracy a form of government? or it is a human instinct that usually lures individuals to attain self seeking interests. Democracy is an instinct rather a form of government. It is an inborn capability in the individual to respond in the prevailing circumstances according to his heart. It originates with the birth of Homo sapiens. For example Adam was prohibited for eating a seed but he ate that for his pleasure and fulfilled the desire. Human beings do have three types of conscious, Nafs-i-Ammara, (Idd, Sygmond Fried called it Libido) Nafs-i-Lawama, (Ego) and Nafs-i-Mutmainna. Therefore, in a society the individuals who are dominated by their instinct of Nafs-i-Mutmainna are involved in such activities that are for the good of human beings. If they are ruled by Nafs-i-Ammara or Nafs-i-Lawama, they may pursue their self seeking interests and pleasures or became selective respectively. Adam was dominated with his Nafs-i-Ammara at the time of pursuing his self seeking interest and ate that seed that was prohibited. This research is based on empirical and qualitative methods.

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2. Theoretical Framework

Democracy is an ultimate source for the development of a nation state. It facilitates peoples of the world to find out their end product that may be capitalism, socialism, communism, Islam, Sinicism, Buddhism, and Christianity etc. It rebuffs forcing human beings to adopt or deny any particular ideology. It allows us to think, speak and assemble according to our own heart. The use of force by the West in the last of twentieth century and in the beginning of twenty first century kept the South Asian states in an uncertainty for holding democracy.

Democracy is the best source for attaining any end-product. Owing to the selective morality on the part of the West in employing democratic norms and values at their native lands has been exposed by the phenomenon of globalization and biased role of IFIs, World Trade Organization (WTO) and MNGs¹ towards developing world especially in South Asia.

In the last quarter of twentieth century, decline of authoritarianism from Latin America to Eastern Europe, from Soviet Union to Middle East and Asia gave a flip to liberal democracy. But the liberal democracy is in question after 9/11 incident and afterward the US-Afghan war in 2001-2002 and the US-Iraq war in 2003. People in this century are more aware and conscious about facts and observe them conspicuously. They do not accept anything offhand. But even then media is still a strong weapon that can be used at any time to ruffle public opinion.

The multinational corporations (MNCs) that has transformed into multinational governments (MNGs) are using the latest multimedia facility to facilitate their plans that purely based on profit maximization and nothing else.

Modern democracy believes that it is a system that is for the people, of the people and by the people. Take this argument as an example and test it in the modern world and ask any rational person that is there any country in the world where government runs with the majority of the people? The answer would be like this, well it is not like that people chose their representatives and they make a cabinet, parliament etc. that runs the government.

The question of the turn out in the general elections has always been a concern. Therefore, we always found certain demonstrations in the post election and show our disbelief towards so-called democratic elections. The matter of the fact is that it is impossible that majority of the people could rule over the country. It is always logical that few representatives rule over the majority. It may be 342 in the case of Pakistan, 538 in the case of the U.S. and 649 in the case of the U.K as there had been an ineffective House of Lords. It gives us a categorical expression that even today, we are buying ideas of the single individual and such definitions hover upon us as an imposition to understand the democracy in the form of a system of government. This research paper is based upon this thesis that democracy is

¹ The MNGs mean multinational governments. It is another name of MNCs.

not a form of government but it is an instinct in human beings. Therefore, it is a law of nature that exists in different parts of the world in different perspectives. It is a mean to an end not an end itself.

Plato and Aristotle were great opponents of democracy and considered it as the worst form of government. They always believe in monarchy as the best form of government although Plato's monarch was a philosopher king and Aristotle's monarch was hidden in rule of law. We will see later that how the developed world has almost adopted the platonic concept of monarchy under the guise of so called democracy.

It is the twenty first century; we know that imposition itself is against the human nature. Therefore, we can say that democracy is an instinct that reacts in different circumstances in different ways. It depends that how an individual grows up.

3. Operational Framework

In the Criterion Kabeel and Habel were two brothers fought on an issue for marrying a girl. Adam and Eve used to give birth of two children at one time, one boy and a girl so what Allah suggested to the first prophet Adam that girl takes birth with her brother would not get marriage with his brother but she will get marriage out of that boy that will take birth with another girl. Kabeel did not accept the law, dominated with Nafs-i-Ammara and killed his brother for accomplishing his desire and finding pleasure. Therefore when people start thinking that they should become together for the worldly pleasures of the few may be in majority in any territory at any specific time, they should not be respected, considering it immoral or unhealthy. (the case of same sex marriages).

Modern world pursue interests that may pertain to economic monopolization, lingering its rule or domination in any specific time. For the attainment of such objectives they allowed people to indulge in such activities that they could not rise against their nefarious designs. That leads towards dissatisfaction in the society and ultimately destruction.

Allah gives very natural reasons to individuals for their habitat to live in peacefully but with some restrictions that they could live happily and hygienically. There is no happiness in the world without health. Therefore, whatever the form of government does exist, if somebody has deteriorated health, unable to enjoy his life.

4. Democracy and the Modern World

Democracy has become a cliché in the modern world that has lost its originality owing to the excessive use of this word. It is not any ideal that gives a model to the whole world for live in peace and harmony. The west and the rest are divided on the basis have and have-nots. The middle class is increasing in the world over has legitimized the phenomenon of democracy. The middle class can hardly ever stand against injustice as it usually runs after the worldly sooths and refute cataclysm. The increased number of middle class in the whole world especially in the developing world is sustaining the meager concept of democracy in the twenty first century. Here we see the reality of democracy in three big democratic countries of the west:

After the Second World War in 1945, the France, the U.K., and the U.S., were the countries that believed in the democratic norms and values that they rarely practiced. Hence the founding fathers were impracticable so shallowness of the concept emerged. In August 1945, nuclear bombing of the U.S. at Hiroshima and Nagasaki is a pertinent example regarding undemocratic nature of the U.S. system. Eight wars in the name of religion in the eighteenth century in France (1762-1792) and four in the U.K. 1762-74) are again classical examples that show the reality of democracy had been in the countries stated earlier.

Democracy is just a source to achieve an end as it is the best source regarding its principles for human beings so far but it is not an end product. It may be used for attaining the end product. Fundamental rights, peace, harmony, equality, tolerance, are pristine canons of democracy that lead everyone towards its end product that may be, Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Sinicism etc.

Platonic monarchy is the only form that the modern world did its best to rule over people but it is still in its nascent form therefore, unsuccessful in attaining support in the world over. Here we consider the examples of the France, U.K., and the U.S. again for explaining that how these countries disguised under the clout of democracy and not employing the platonic monarchy in real.

The racial differences in France, the U.K., and the U.S. are still predominant that speaks volume about the reality of so called democracy in the modern world. The French parliament passes the law for depriving Muslim women of

their fundamental rights. “The lower house of the French parliament has voted in favor of banning the burqa in public, the female Muslim veil which covers the entire face and body.”²

The irresistible majority in the French National Assembly approves this bill and the level of obduracy can be estimated with this statement of Mr. Justice Minister Michele Alliot-Marie says that “the law is underpinned by humanitarian values, “which today, like yesterday, forge our unity, our individuality and which are the foundations of the greatness of France.”³ This is how the big powers empower their jurisdiction by depriving minorities of their fundamental rights in the name of majority rule. It was also stated in the same news that more than 2000 women in France use burqa (veil) for covering their bodies. Is that the ‘greatness’ of France? Another example: In July 2009, one woman was stabbed to death by his neighbor for wearing hijab (veil) and later on killed in the court by the same person. What his brother said in reaction back home in Egypt, “We will avenge her killing, “her brother Tarek el-Sherbini told The Associated Press by telephone from the mosque where prayers were being recited in front of his sister's coffin.” In the West, they don't recognize us. There is racism.”⁴ These examples are supporting my argument that the big powers are usually use such tactics for control that favour them for a long time. It is a matter of the fact that the West itself making claims of democracy and human rights but void of practicing the same. This is where the shoe pinches. It is said that practice is better than precept. Thus the West has to be pragmatic in its approach rather deprivation among other communities will escalate tensions and lead to violence.

The U.K. consists of constitutional monarchy by convention. In practice, this real monarchic state believes in the platonic monarchy vehemently. The modern U.K. cabinet is known as a dictator. It is said that it is the only creation that kills its creator (parliament). Ministers of the cabinet swim and sink together. All such sayings show that the U.K. system is not democratic in nature but authoritative. The racial differences in the U.K. have been a routine matter. The prime minister in the U.K. is supposed to take approval of the annual budget from the parliament but we know that Margret Thatcher hardly ever did any consultation with the cabinet for making annual budget. She was very authoritative. In the same way the U.S. president suppose to take approval from the congress for any war declaration against any country but it never observed. The federal part of the constitution in the U.S. has made him very powerful and almost dictator.

After the Second World War the U.S. considered to be a democratic country but its nuclear attacks on two cities of Japan exposed it as an autocratic state and took it away from the platonic monarchy. The U.S. interventions in Cuba, Vietnam, and support of North Korea against South Korea, made it more skeptical in its democratic behaviour. Truman Doctrine again an example that showed the U.S. designs to control the world through the containment of the erstwhile Soviet Union. It was just an exemption that the containment of communism was indispensable to save the world from oppression.

The Russian disintegration in December 1991, made the Warsaw Pact defunct why the North Atlantic Treaty (NATO) is still expanding its tentacles in the world. The NATO expansion in Eurasia gives a categorical expression of the U.S. aggrandizement. All these argument reveals that the U.S. claims of democracy are fake.

In 2010, out of 192 member countries of the United Nations, 135 have the U.S. military installations.⁵ The latest research of the same writer tells that the number of countries where the U.S. military troops have intervened reached at 157. The U.S. “Defense Department’s latest "Personnel Strengths" report, the United States now has troops stationed in 147 countries and 10 territories.”⁶

The same writer wrote an article with title *Same Empire, Different Emperor*⁷ support the argument that modern sovereign state system’s democracy is fundamentally a mockery of platonic monarchy.

5. Consolidation

The socio-political and economic development links with authority. Therefore, it is natural that developed peoples of the world are authoritative in nature rather democratic. Their attitudes should follow democracy but in practice they

² Ridgwell, H. (2010). *French national assembly approves burqa ban*. Retrieved on 08-08-10 from <http://www1.voanews.com/english/news/europe/French-Parliament-Approves-Burqa-Ban-98329849.html>.

³ Ibid.

⁴ Parasraj, (2009). *Woman stabbed to death in German courtroom*. Retrieved on 08-08-10 from <http://www.allvoices.com/contributed-news/3614723-woman-stabbed-to-death-in-german-courtroom>.

⁵ Vance, Laurence M. (2004). *The U.S. Global Empire*. Retrieved on 03-01-2010 from <http://www.lewrockwell.com/vance/vance8.html>.

⁶ Vance, Laurence M. (2008). *Ninety-Five Years to Go*. Retrieved on 03-01-2010 from <http://www.lewrockwell.com/vance/vance139.html>.

⁷ Vance, Laurence M. (2010). *Same Empire, Different Emperor*. Retrieved on 08-08-10 from <http://www.lewrockwell.com/vance/vance195.html>.

have to be authoritative to keep the system smooth and harmonious. France, the U.S., and the U.K. are the countries that wish to sustain a status quo in the name of democracy as it suit them the most in the modern world. They are technologically modern and scientifically advanced hence have right to dictate their terms. They should adopt the new term for predominance by saying democracy is a real source to attain its end product not an end product itself. The communication revolution has revolutionized the thoughts of the people and no one can make them fool that democracy is the best form of government as it exist nowhere.

Australia, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, Italy, Japan, Netherland, Pakistan, the U.K., the U.S. or any other country do not have the operational form of democracy as it is not an end product. It is an instinct of human beings they cannot live without it therefore the modern sovereign state system has to accept the platonic monarch in the form of the philosopher king or council of wise people with authority as the ultimate end product to sustain good governance in the world. The industrial revolution has degraded the environment and creating an unhealthy international community with diseases like hepatitis of diverse forms.

Therefore, it has always been different experience with different environment. If democracy is a real end-product, which form of democracy, American, Australian, British, Canadian, French or Indian democracy. Thus, we can believe that democracy is a mean to an end not an end to a mean.

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