

**Performance of Democratic and Military Governments
Regarding Economic Development and Growth in Pakistan
During the Year 1951 to 2014:**

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Abstract:

This research paper focuses the performance of Democratic and Military Governments to achieve Economic Development and Growth in Pakistan during the year 1951 to 2014 in historical perspective. Since inception, Democratic system of Government has been such a difficult task to be achieved in Pakistan. As far as Economic Growth and Management is concerned, the last six decades have been crucial in the country. Regarding restoration of Democracy, the year 2007 may be called as one of the struggling eras in Pakistan. In Pakistan, for the last sixty years, the Economic growth is perceived to be floating about 5%. During 60s and 80s the Growth rate had been higher in Pakistan than in South Asia by an average of 2%. But in 90s it performed lesser than the regional average. There were problems regarding smooth trend of Growth due to Social and Political interference. Social and Political stability is requisite to achieve Economic Growth in the country.

Keywords: Democracy, Army, Economic Development, Economic Growth, etc.

Introduction:

A research carried out by (Muhammad Nauman Hayat, Kaneez Fatima, Uzma Mukhtar, and Safia Bano, 2016), regarding the performance of democratic and Military Governments to achieve Economic development and growth in Pakistan, remarking that "Since inception, we haven't been able to create best political institutions in our country. It is regrettable fact that countries which were far behind from Pakistan are ahead now. History

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shows that we had both Democratic and Military Governments in Pakistan contributed their part to achieve Economic Development and Growth. The question of Prime importance must be answered that which particular Government became more successful? What were the effects of their particular Economic strategies on Economy?"

Further it is revealed by researches showing two different Government systems in the country, as (Democratic) as well as (Military), contributing their part for achieving the Economic development and Economic growth. We had different types of Democratic and Military Governments. Our country experienced both parliamentary Democracy and Military takeovers. There were three effective and three ineffective Military Coup developments in Pakistan lasting about more than three decades. It is an open fact that until 2013 the country hasn't experienced a single shift of Democracy to other Democratic administration. History reveals that in 2013, for the first time, power of authority was calmly moved as of one autonomous administration to the other.

The elementary and simple definition of Democracy is "freedom of speech, right to vote and authority of Government through majority. In simple words, Democracy provides equal rights to everyone. Democracy is all about for the people of any particular country (by the people and for the people).

Regarding Military coup, it is defined as the over thrown of sitting Government forcefully by Military, clearly it is an unlawful act replacing the Government and grasping authority into their own hands. The Prime purpose of Democracy is to achieve the ideas serving the interests of the people, whereas Military is liable for guarding and defending the state." (Muhammad Nauman & et al., 2016)

According to the words of (J. M. Powell and L. T. Clayton), "as of 1950 to 2011 approximately 471 rebellion acts were witnessed globally. The particular States like (Afghanistan, Argentina, Algeria, Bangladesh, Bulgaria, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Egypt, France, Ghana, Greece, Haiti, Japan, South Korea, Mexico, Nigeria, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Sudan, Switzerland, Syria as well as Uganda) had experienced quite a few coup attempts. Thailand is the sole country that experienced the most number of coup attempts than any other in the world. There were 11 successful coup attempts in Thailand only since 1932. India never experienced Military Governments. The last coup attempt in the world was carried out in Bulgaria on 13th May 2015. (J. M. Powell and L. T. Clayton, 2011).

There is a common perception that Military Governments perform better than Democratic Governments in Pakistan. In Pakistan, right from the word go, Governments were under the authority of Military coups for almost thirty-five years, and on account of this development it is revealed that Economic progress and Economic Growth were far successful than the Democratic Governments. (A. R. Raheem, V. Parmar, N. Ahmad, and A. M. Ahmed, 1971)

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In Pakistan, quite a few researches have been carried out for investigating the correlation between Democracy and Economic Growth. Economic performance in Pakistan hasn't been inspected in 2 different Government systems empirically in spite of having 3 effective and ineffective Military revolution developments. This investigation attempts highlighting the contribution of Military Governments in terms of Economic performances in Pakistan from 1951-2014 to have a contrast involving the Economic performances of Democratic and Military Governments utilizing Descriptive, Historical, and Analytical approaches.

Problem Statement:

As far as Economy of Pakistan is concerned, it is perceived to be a tangled Economy to have a mixture of Democracy and Military. The country has been experiencing quite a few issues because of lacking the consistency regarding the Governmental organization. This research examines Economic performance of Pakistan under the Military and Democratic Governments. The question of prime importance must be answered through reliable data that which political system contributed successfully in terms of Economic progress in Pakistan? How Pakistani economy performed under Military and Democratic Governments?

Economic performance remains a very gigantic expression that comprises quite a few variables like (Foreign Direct Investment), (Real Gross Domestic Product), (Unemployment), (Per capita income), (Consumer price index), (Gross National Product), (Corruption Index) and (Inflation Rate).

The prime focus of study in this thesis exists in the searching of related hidden data concerning the Economic performance of the Governments under Democratic and Military Governments. It is requisite examining and analyzing its important facts. This study would assist solving a number of questions like why Military governments achieved positive results concerning Gross Domestic Product and controlling Inflation whereas Democratic Government achieved positive results concerning Per Capita Income. This is certainly an essential exploratory issue which really is requisite to be solving unveiling the related information.

Significance/Justification of the Study:

The significance of this historical study lies in the exploration of the facts regarding the Economic performance of the Governments under Democratic and Military Governments in Pakistan. To what extent, the Governments, under Military and Democracy, achieved their Economic targets. Through the findings of this research study, it will be useful to highlight and explore the problems, hurdles, and particular gaps between the Economic policies and strategies adopted by the Governments for Economic Growth and Development in Pakistan.

Objectives of the Study:

The prime purpose of this research is checking the correlation between Governments' Economic policies with respect to Economic Growth and Development.

The specific objectives of the study are;

- i- To understand the potentials of the Military and Democratic Governments in terms of Economic performances for Economic Growth in the country in historical perspective.
- ii- To analyze the study comparatively about problems, hurdles, of the Governments regarding Economic performances. To discover the factors turning out to be success/ failure of the Governments in terms of Economic achievements in the country.

Limitations of the Study:

This study is limited to the geographical boundary of Pakistan, as the prime objective of this study is to measure the performance of Governments under Democracy and Military in Pakistan during the year 1951 to 2014.

Literature Review:

Theoretical Framework:

Economic Growth and Development under the Democratic and Military Governments, also its impacts, has been the significant issue in Pakistan. It is requisite to review the present writings upon Macroeconomic results in Democratic as well as Army revolutions. Democratic system prevails in many countries globally. Democratic and Military reigns are intended for the community as well as deprived citizens.

Development and Democracy remain similar and identical expressions to have been also helped the similar ideology also faulting Army revolutions which they are more directed to their individual concern (distribution of resources) comparing with Non-defense plans as well as peoples. Army rule frequently claims improvements regarding Macroeconomic indicators as well as Economic constancy in Pakistan although extraordinary change wasn't perceived in the Martial ruling, relatively several Macroeconomic signs remained considerably nicer in Democratic rule. (A. R. Raheem, V. Parmar, N. Ahmad, and A. M. Ahmed, 1971)

Democracy surely is perceived as more preferable comparing with army rule regarding development, investments, constancy as well as bringing opportunities to be reflected. If former administration became fail accomplishing regarding preferred anticipations those may be eradicated with its people in next election. Democracy means the complete authority by the people, and Military coups are far behind by reaching to its peoples. (A. R. Raheem, V. Parmar, N. Ahmad, and A. M. Ahmed, 2014)

It is a common perception that Military coups bring political instability in the country. Military dictators became unsuccessful generating Economic Growth. Negative impacts on health, education and investments had been perceived after ousting Democracy and concluding that coup happening in repressive State sometimes demonstrates better impacts on Economic Growth but coup completely failed generating Economic Growth after ousting a Democratic State. (E. Meyersson, 2015)

There is a common belief that Economic Growth may not occur if there is a political instability in the country. Governmental insecurity happens

because of lack of Congruency amid financial transformation as well as its Governmental institutes. As financial transformation alters urban as well as rural society's force it then happens and when Government fails creating equilibrium between urban and rural society and instability happens. While a correlated vision disagrees so as to governmental Illegitimacy is accountable regarding governmental insecurity. Economic excel remains all about anticipation as Administration fails fulfilling preferred hopes and then insecurity occurs and when anticipation is satisfied surely then Economic Growth happens. (P. D. Feaver, 1999)

Political insecurity decreases the Growth, and there are more possibilities of Governments to be collapsed in insecurity while these possibilities are lesser in constancy.

According to the words of Ibrahim, "If the Economy is decreasing it has more probability to be over taken by Army rulers. Regarding Latin America when the Economic performances were bad, they went into further coup d'états. (J. M. Powell and T. Clayton, 1950)

The similar case was empirically verified by Fossum. (E. Fossum, 1967)

As far as the Economic constancy is concerned there are real aspects and strategies which manage the entire Economy and likewise those aspects and strategies are too handled by Governments along with their individual inclinations and requirements. It is an open fact that the Economies perform nicer in Democratic government structure than Military system as Democracy is termed as political constancy, strong organizations and solid long term Economic strategies. Pakistan experienced of both Democratic and Military regimes. As a result, it would be intriguing to inspect the Economic performance of Pakistan under two different Government systems.

Hypothesis:

H1: Economic policies under Military Governments and Economic development and Growth in Pakistan are positively correlated.

H2: The greater the good governance and better economic strategies in country, the higher Economic prosperity and standard of living.

H3: The performance of country's economy is positively correlated with its Government's significant policies.

Research Methodology:

Keeping in view the nature of the research problem, the Descriptive, Historical, and Analytical methods / (Mixed Methods) have been utilized.

Research Design:

To achieve the better findings and results, combination of both, Qualitative and Quantitative research designs have been utilized.

Data collection and Variables of the Study:

For collecting the data, Secondary sources have been used.

Regarding Secondary sources, the books, research journals, internet sources, research articles, market reports, newspapers, magazines, etc. have highly been essential and useful.

The main task and purpose of this paper is to examine comparatively the significant economic strategies, trends, and achievements by democratic and military governments in Pakistan in historical perspective.

There are key variables regarding this thesis need to be enclosed.

- I- Direct Investment (FDI) II- Real Gross Domestic Product (RGDP) III- Unemployment (UE) IV- Per capita income (PCI) V- Inflation Rate (INF).

Statistics over foreign direct investment (percentage to gross domestic product) of the years 1970-2014 as well as real gross product for the years of 1951-2014 would be gotten from World Bank, statistics for CPI Inflation (1957-2014) would be gotten from international monetary fund, and statistics on Unemployment (1986-2014) as well as Per capita Income (1960-2014) would be gotten from Trading Economies.

Conclusion:

Since inception, we haven't been able to create best political institutions in our country. It is regrettable fact that countries which were far behind from Pakistan are ahead now. Democratic and Military Governments in Pakistan contributed their part to achieve Economic Development and Growth. Until 2013 the country hasn't experienced a single shift of Democracy to other Democratic administration.

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