Avoiding Setbacks in Democratic Achievements

A fter the downfall of Taliban in Afghanistan, the system that emerged in Afghanistan was said to be based on democracy. However, even after 20 years, the country has not been able to form a democratic system. And, as the peace deal with Taliban was on the verge, there were fears that the country will face further set back in this regard. Some fear that Taliban may not agree to the Constitution of Afghanistan that supports the democratic system in the country. Afghan government may give their strict stand on limited democratic gains that have been achieved. Nevertheless, it is imperative that Afghan authorities, leaders and people as a whole must stand for democracy and try to further nurture it so that a true democracy can mature in the country.

In order to save democracy, it is very important that there must be efforts to promote stability and check the drift towards the authoritarian rule.

In an authoritarian country the ultimate authority lie within the people. And ultimately, the government should be answerable to the people. Moreover, participation is becoming necessary for the modern democratic theory to establish and strengthen political systems to such a way that it meets the needs of the people. Indubitably, the underdeveloped and developing democracies must pursue the same theory to help promote better democratic systems. Afghanistan, being in a very primitive situation where the democratic and modern democratic systems can provide opportunities to all the members of society to cast their votes and have their say in the making of the government. However, in Afghanistan this basic institution of democracy has not been able to function appropriately. The last parliamentary and provincial elections were overwhelmingly dominated by fraud, corruption and vote irregularities. The improper and well-developed election process can play an important role in creating accountable government. A political party or a politician in order to be elected by the people must try to perform so properly that it gains the chance of remaining in power for a longer period of time. If the political parties and the candidates in the elections come to know that they can win the election without fulfilling the required criteria; they will not remain accountable to the people and would not care much about the public property.

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Another issue of uncertainty arises when a system is made personally-oriented, wherein the individuals are prioritized on the basis of their actual or perceived personality traits. This property is mostly found in the systems that are underdeveloped and developing systems. Such ideologies are basically the remnants of the monarchies that could be found in the past and were able to function appropriately. The last parliamentary and provincial elections were overwhelmingly dominated by fraud, corruption and vote irregularities. The improper and well-developed election process can play an important role in creating accountable government. A political party or a politician in order to be elected by the people must try to perform so properly that it gains the chance of remaining in power for a longer period of time. If the political parties and the candidates in the elections come to know that they can win the election without fulfilling the required criteria; they will not remain accountable to the people and would not care much about the public property.

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