

Abstract

Parliamentary democracy is a system of government in which all the executive powers are enjoyed by the head of the government named as prime minister. In this system, government is answerable to the parliament and masses. The purpose of the study is to explore the level of understanding of parliamentary system in the youth of Pakistan. There is a parliamentary form of government in Pakistan but the study revealed that a large number of youth is unaware of the existing political system of Pakistan. Mainly reason behind this may be the political culture of Pakistan which has faced many ups and downs due to political instability and military interventions. Political culture has never encouraged the participatory environment in the country. Political parties and politicians are remained busy in tug of war for power, authority and personal settlements. Parliamentary history of Pakistan reveals that political leadership has never done any remarkable attempt for the political training of people. That is why, people are only aware of personalities not the institutions. They are also ignorant about the working of institutions. Although in reality, with the passage of time personalities are replaced by others but institutions are constant element of the political system. The study suggests that there is a need of political training and political socialization of masses. There should be a strong system of political communication and mobilization between the elected and electorate. Electronic, print and social media can play an important part in it. Political training of commoners and to provide awareness of system should be the part of the agenda of political parties.