

Abstract

In this study 'Identity Politics in Swat' pattern of Politics has been assessed, in order to comprehend the factors which effect Identity and its impacts on Identity have been discussed in detail. Social Identity and its Changing dynamics have been discussed in details, the investigation reveals that social Identity is subjected to political, social and economic factors and to some extent these factors effect Identity. Moreover, the ruler and politicians have a great role in shaping and utilizing Identities. In addition to this it has been revealed that violence, extremism and Identity have no direct link but a favorable environment for these features may nurture them. In this case two core theories are applicable to the case, one is Constructivism and another one is Instrumentalism. Moreover Voting Behaviour has been assessed in order to assess the factors which effect the voting preferences of the people, as vote is the only tool in hands of people to identify themselves where to stand. Several questions have been put forwarded to respondents base on variables like, religion, ethnicity, national agendas, family political affiliation, role of women in politics etc to comprehend the preferences of the people, where they stand.