

## ABSTRACT

This dissertation deals with the use of religion in politics of Pakistan and how this self motivated application of the Islam in Pakistan politics by civil and military governments in different decades. The conscious and unconscious application of government religious policy led to the extremism and militancy in Pakistan.

As it was religion which was the basis of geographical partition of India, the Two Nation Theory was explained to define Pakistan as an Islamic state. The Ulema demanded that polity of Pakistan should be based on Islam. Objective Resolution was the first step towards politicizing Islam. The increasing trend of using religion to get political power could not be stopped. Even modern and western educated Z.A. Bhutto could not refrain himself from using religion to prop up his falling government. After him, Zia Ul Haq rule stood on the leg of religion. He introduced religion in the legal and political spheres of Pakistan. His Afghan policy, which was responsible for the rise of extremism and militancy, was also devised in the name of religion.

After Zia his policies could not be reversed by weak civilian governments of Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif. With the passage of time the monster of extremism and sectarianism grew in strength and size. Incident of 9/11 and USA led NATO forces attack on Afghanistan only aggravated the situation and culture of terrorism, militancy and extremism wrap Pakistan.