

HUM 117 PAKISTAN STUDIES

Lecture 08 Political System and Political Parties of Pakistan

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Political System of Pakistan



- 1956 Constitution
- Unicameral- Parliamentary
- 1962 Constitution
- Unicameral- Presidential
- 1973 Constitution
- Bicameral- Parliamentary

Defining a Political Party



- A **political party** is defined as an organised group of people with at least roughly similar **political** aims and opinions, that seeks to influence public policy by getting its candidates elected to public office
- An organization of people who share the same views about the way power should be used in a country or society (through government, policy-making, etc)

Political Parities in Pakistan.



- There are around 90 fringe political parties
- Around a dozen mainstream political parties are there in the country.
- These parties primarily try to find a breathing space and survive.
- However, keeping in view the diverse issues in the country; Pakistan is considered as one of the fertile states for political parties

Political Parities in Pakistan 2.



- Political parties in Pakistan have remained underdeveloped due to authoritarian political culture, imbalance between powerful state and weak political institutions.

Political Parities in Pakistan 3.



- Except the right wing religious political parties, the majority of political parties in Pakistan are least interested in any form of political education of the masses.
- The followers of most of the political parties mainly rely on the speeches of their leaders in public gatherings or on the views of their leaders disseminated through print and electronic media.
- The tradition of study circles, position papers by the leaders and the workers prevailed in the late 1960's however, it vanished with the passage of time.