

# Militant Democracy: Undemocratic Political Parties and Beyond



Militant democracy is a form of government in which the military plays a significant role in politics. This can take many forms, from military coups to military juntas to civilian governments with strong military influence. Militant democracies are often found in developing countries, where the military is seen as a stabilizing force in a turbulent political environment. However, militant democracies can also be found in developed countries, such as the United States, where the military has a long history of involvement in politics.

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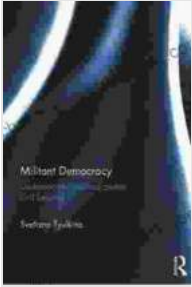
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There are many different factors that can contribute to the development of a militant democracy. These include political instability, economic crisis, and social unrest. In some cases, the military may intervene in politics to restore order or to prevent a civil war. In other cases, the military may be invited to participate in government by civilian leaders who are unable to control the situation.

Militant democracies can have a number of advantages. They can provide stability in a time of crisis, and they can help to prevent the outbreak of violence. However, militant democracies can also be a threat to democracy. The military is often not accountable to the people, and it can use its power to suppress dissent and to rig elections.

There are a number of things that can be done to prevent the development of militant democracies. These include promoting democracy and human rights, reducing poverty and inequality, and resolving conflicts peacefully. It is also important to hold the military accountable to the people and to ensure that it does not interfere in politics.

## **Undemocratic Political Parties**

## Question 8

Examine the role of Political Parties in a democratic country.

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The role of political parties can be briefly understood by the following:

- 1. They stand in democratically conducted elections.
  - 2. They put forward different policies and programmes for the voters to choose from.
- As members of state and central legislature belong to certain parties, it can be said that parties play a decisive role in law making.
- 3. They either assume the role of government or the opposition, both of which are essential to keep checks and balances in a democracy.
  - 4. Parties shape public opinion by raising various issues and continuously propagating them among the masses.



Undemocratic political parties are those that do not adhere to the principles of democracy. They may be authoritarian, totalitarian, or even fascist. Undemocratic political parties often use violence and intimidation to achieve their goals. They may also suppress dissent and limit freedom of speech and assembly.

There are a number of different factors that can contribute to the development of undemocratic political parties. These include poverty, inequality, and social unrest. In some cases, undemocratic political parties may be created by charismatic leaders who appeal to people's fears and frustrations. In other cases, undemocratic political parties may be created by the military or by other powerful groups who seek to control the government.

Undemocratic political parties can have a number of negative consequences. They can lead to the suppression of dissent and the erosion of human rights. They can also lead to economic decline and social unrest. In some cases, undemocratic political parties can even lead to civil war.

There are a number of things that can be done to prevent the development of undemocratic political parties. These include promoting democracy and human rights, reducing poverty and inequality, and resolving conflicts peacefully. It is also important to hold political parties accountable to the people and to ensure that they do not use violence or intimidation to achieve their goals.

### **Beyond Militant Democracy and Undemocratic Political Parties**

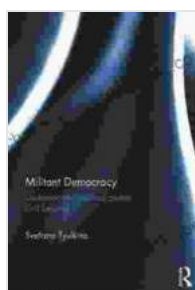


There are a number of things that can be done to promote democracy and prevent the development of militant and undemocratic political parties. These include:

- Promoting democracy and human rights through education and advocacy.
- Reducing poverty and inequality through economic development and social programs.
- Resolving conflicts peacefully through dialogue and negotiation.
- Holding political parties accountable to the people through free and fair elections.
- Ensuring that the military is subject to civilian control.

By taking these steps, we can help to create a more just and democratic world.

Militant democracy and undemocratic political parties are serious threats to democracy. However, there are a number of things that can be done to prevent the development of these threats. By promoting democracy and human rights, reducing poverty and inequality, and resolving conflicts peacefully, we can help to create a more just and democratic world.



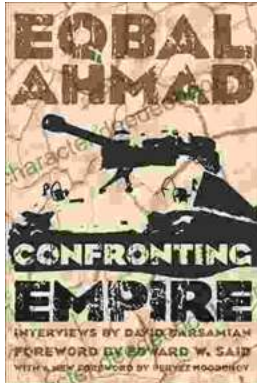
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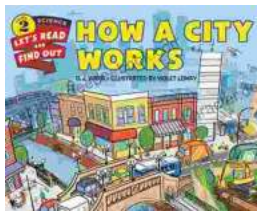
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