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Answer no 2

The author indicates that because of the elected party's tendency of consuming the whole power and indulging in the game of "winner takes all", democratization has gradually turned into autocratisation. Democracy inspires to an equal distribution of power among the political parties, democratic institutions and government. But after the third wave of democracy, there had a tremendous change in democracy. Instead of strengthening the democratic institutions (judiciary, parliament, human right commission, anti-corruption commission etcetera) the elected rulers started to execute all the institutions according to his either direct or indirect instructions. Gradually democracy among the political parties started to be demolishing by the elected party. The opposition parties were being suppressed and banned to say against the government. Government somehow managed to control over the whole state management system. The election doesn't occur freely and fairly and the voters are also being enforced to give vote as per the ruler's choice. The election of Modi in India, Trump in USA is the recent example of autocratisation in the guise of democracy. According to the author, almost 35% people are living in autocratisation.

Yes, I agree with author that his observations and suggestions are relevant to Bangladesh as well. It is confirmed that Bangladesh is constitutionally a democratic country but if we analysis the management system we will surely get it as an autocratic country. Some key point for what Bangladesh is also included in hybrid regime (a combination of democracy and autocracy):

- Misuse of political power: The Awami league, the Bangladesh student league now using the extreme power. The BSL suppresses students to work for them and sometimes torture them also.
- There is no democracy among the political parties. BNP and the other opposition parties are now only in document rather they don't have any role to country's affair.
- Unfair election: the 10th parliamentary election is one of the most unfair election. Voters and the media has faced a violative situation in the election center.
- Judiciary system is not independent.
- Media does not have the right to telecast against government.

- All the democratic institution is under control of the government.

And against this situation the author warns for the upcoming violations of this type of mixed democracy. Besides he suggests to stop the hybrid regime and to establish the democracy for a healthy political environment. Now Bangladesh is walking through the hybrid regime political system and the people has lost faith on the government that is threatening. So we have to bring a change to our political system.

Answer no 1

According to the author, democracy has not been institutionalized in some countries because:

In many countries, the executive branch has interfered with the independence of the judiciary and bypassed the parliament. Elections are not free and fair, and the regimes in power are using various methods, some blatant and some subtle, to manipulate the electoral outcome in their favor, so that the voters are not given a choice to elect their representatives in truly competitive elections. Political parties have failed to represent the interests of the citizens and have been captured by powerful special interest groups. Party politics and electoral processes are getting mired in black money, criminalization and political dynastic rule. Once elected to office, regimes are increasingly becoming autocratic, suppressing fundamental freedoms, flouting rule of law, indulging in a game of "winner takes all" and demonizing all critics and criticisms. That's why it is not possible to institutionalized democracy in those countries.

According to the author, the old challenges to democracy were to strengthen horizontal and vertical accountability of institutions such as the parliament, judiciary, human rights commission, anti-corruption commission, election commission, political parties, free media, civil society, etc. The other challenge was the key to democratic consolidation is "political will". And find the way how to create that "political will".

According to the author, The V. Dem report identifies three new challenges for democracy.

First, more and more governments are trying to take control on the media and civil society, and manipulating the rule of law and the credibility of the electoral process is eroding.

Second, there is toxic polarization in public spaces where society is getting divided into distrustful and antagonistic camps; political leaders are using hate speech and respect for opposite views, and public reasoning is declining.

Third, digitalization is enabling the spread of disinformation and compromising the electoral processes even in "consolidated" democracies such as in the USA.