

OPINION ON TALK SHOWS IN PAKISTAN



As nowadays, the media is very strong and steady, it is believed by many that media can play a vital role to create a big and positive change in society. When talking about talk shows, the first thing that comes to mind is gossip and entertainment. There is a bunch of comedy and entertainment talk shows on multiple TV channels which are the source of relaxation for the public as they return to their homes after work and duties. Entertainment can be a good thing but to a limit. However, the talk shows on politics and especially with the political leaders or representatives result in the critical analysis of the aspects of politics in the country.

The widely showcased and seen talk shows on the TV channels across Pakistan are of political background. Both males and females are observed to indulge in these shows to get aware of the current situation of the country. Almost all the news channels including Samaa TV, Dunya News, and Geo News are broadcasting these political talk shows. The one side of these political talk shows can be considered great for giving awareness to the public about the ups and downs of the country's situation but, the other side can be the prompting of negativity around the public. This is because, in these kinds of shows, there is always an anchor with the two to three representatives of different political parties. It is obvious that all political parties have their separate agenda that totally differs from each other. These shows often result in a clash of

tongue among the invited members which again becomes a negative thing. I think that youth is highly influenced by political issues. They should use another medium to get aware of the political and current situations of the country by reading news articles in English. This would additionally help them increase their reading skills which is very beneficial.

Talk shows that are a source of entertainment are also very popular among the people across the country. Usually, they use to invite any celebrity of Pakistan and chit chat with them in a humorous manner. It's just like an interview and sharing of experiences in their lives which is a positive aspect. These types of shows are equally enjoyed by youth as well as their parents. What here is to be taken under consideration is the limit of cracking a joke. It shouldn't be disrespectful for the guest that you've invited as several cases were recorded where the guest becomes angry and leaves, thus destroying the entire motive of the talk show.

What I believe about talk shows is that they can be an extremely good source to spread positivity among the people of Pakistan. I think that this could be done by inviting famous personalities that have achieved their life goals. By sharing their experiences and efforts in life, if the youth get inspired, it would definitely create a positive image and future of Pakistan.

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