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## OBJECTIVE RESOLUTION 1949 AND ITS MAIN FEATURES

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# INTRODUCTION

- The Objectives Resolution was adopted by the First Constituent Assembly of Pakistan on **March 12, 1949.**
- The resolution proclaimed that the **future constitution of Pakistan would not be modeled entirely on a European pattern,** but on the ideology and democratic faith of Islam.
- Objective Resolution 1949 **laid the foundation for the constitutional development of Pakistan,**
- It emphasized the principles of **democracy, equal rights, tolerance, and social justice.**

# BACKGROUND



- After the death of Quaid-e-Azam on 11 September 1948, the responsibility of framing the constitution fell on the shoulders of the first Prime Minister, Liaquat Ali Khan.
- This resolution was passed by the First Constituent Assembly on 12 March 1949 under the leadership of Liaquat Ali Khan.
- Aim was to incorporate Islamic teachings/laws in the constitution.



# BASIC PRINCIPLES COMMITTEE

- **Date:**
  - It was formed by the First Constituent Assembly on 12 March 1949.
- **Framed By:**
  - Khawaja Nazimuddin (Governor General) on the advice of Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan
- **Members:** 24
- **Functions:**
  - It was devised to frame the constitution of Pakistan in the light of Objective Resolution.

# KEY FEATURES OF OBJECTIVE RESOLUTION

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**Sovereignty Belongs to Allah**

The sovereignty over the entire universe belongs to Almighty Allah alone and the authority to be exercised by the people of Pakistan as a sacred trust.

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**Life According to the Teachings of Islam**

The Muslims shall be provided with the opportunity to order their lives in accordance with the teachings and requirements of Islam.

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**Federal Government System**

A Federal System of Government will be introduced in Pakistan.

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**Supreme Authority of the People**

The sovereignty of the state will be established through the elected representative of the people.

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## Independent Judiciary

The judiciary will be independent.

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## Golden Principles of Islam

Principles of democracy, equality, freedom, and social justice as laid down by Islam shall be fully observed.

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## Protection of the Rights of Minorities

The rights and interests of the minorities to freely profess and practice their religion will be protected.

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## Equal Rights to Citizens

All citizens will enjoy their rights on the principle of equality.

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# CONCLUSION

- ▶ Objectives Resolution is one of the most important documents in the constitutional history of Pakistan.
- ▶ It was passed by the first Constituent Assembly on 12th March 1949 under the leadership of Liaquat Ali Khan.
- ▶ The Objectives Resolution is one of the most important and illuminating documents in the constitutional history of Pakistan.
- ▶ It laid down the objectives on which the future constitution of the country was to be based, and it proved to be the foundational stone of the constitutional development in Pakistan.
- ▶ The most significant thing was that it contained the basic principles of both the Islamic political system and Western Democracy.
- ▶ Its importance can be ascertained from the fact that it served as a preamble for the Constitution of 1956, 1962, and 1973 and ultimately became part of the Constitution when the Eighth Amendment in the Constitution of 1973 was passed in 1985.



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attention!**

**Hopefully, I will see you in the next  
class. Until then, take care, & have a  
great day!**

