



Charter of Peace



We, the people of Pakistan:

- Believe in democracy and peace, respect all religions and faiths, revere our ethnolinguistic diversity, and accede to equal citizenship;
- Affirm the sanctity of the Constitution, and demand uniform application of the Constitution in all parts of Pakistan;
- Call upon the authorities to demonstrate unambiguously, through words and actions, that respect for human rights and rule of law is the basic philosophy of the state.
- Note an unsettling rise in extremism in the country and urge the state to address the same as per the declared policies and strategies, and further call upon the law enforcement to ensure that no counterterrorism or counterextremism measure breach the fundamental rights of a citizen;
- Appreciate the democratic value of inclusivity, and stress that all policies and strategies on countering terrorism and extremism be formulated with input and backing of parties across the political spectrum and civil society to ensure legitimacy, broad ownership, and effective implementation;
- Call for a robust promotion of democratic values and culture through all available means including through constitutional literacy among the masses particularly the youth;
- Impress upon the government and parliament for the resolution of all internal social, political, and economic disputes through peaceful and inclusive means;
- Demand the implementation of the prohibition on private militias in letter and spirit
- Call upon the state to firmly reinstate rule of law across the country to ward off any perception that the state is weak or fragile;



- While reaffirming the supremacy of the Parliament, iterate that the Parliament is the center of collective decision making, and stress upon it to take an unambiguous stance on terrorism, extremism, hate-mongering, and discrimination and lead on resolution of these issues;
- Reaffirm the undisputed right of the people's elected representatives to have a meaningful say in the formulation of Pakistan's foreign policy and relations including with the neighboring states;
- Demand that all political parties refrain from seeking any sort of assistance from extremist groups for electoral matters or political gains;
- While acknowledging the bulging youth population, urge all political parties to empower the youth by providing them space and platform for free expression and creativity as well as leadership;
- Recognize the civil society as an important bridge between the state and communities, and call upon the state to take the civil society along as a partner rather than treating it as an adversary;
- Urge the civil society to use its abilities and skills to the fullest to spread mass awareness about the significance of democracy and constitution, responsible use of social media, and the dangers of extremism;
- Call for educational reforms, aiming at removal of hateful, discriminatory, and insensitive contents from the textbooks and inclusion of more scientific inquiry, debate, and critical thinking and reasoning;
- Reaffirm freedom of religious beliefs and that no citizen can be denied his/her fundamental rights on account of their beliefs;
- Demand that the Parliament and the government take all necessary steps for the protection and equitable development of all religious communities;



- Call for the inclusion of women in all walks of life and protection of their social, political, and economic rights, and further stress upon the Parliament to rectify laws that discriminate against women in any shape or form;
- Call for strengthening women's role in countering extremism;
- Urge the state to take urgent measure to empower the youth socially, economically, and politically to prevent them from tilting towards extremism or anti-social or subversive activities;
- Call for increase in education budget to improve the quality of education;
- Call upon the state to own and celebrate the indigenous cultures and promote cultural identities in Pakistan;
- Acknowledge the indispensability of education for peace, and urge the government to prioritize promotion of book reading culture in the country;
- Urge the government and civil society to facilitate dialogue among various segments of society to stem disharmony, intolerance, and uncivilized behaviors;