

Abstract

This study sought to interrogate perceptions regarding the type, structure, and nature of the political system that should govern the Republic of Kenya. A review of the constitutional documents and expert opinion reveals that the Kenyan State has operated under an authoritarian political system from independence to date. This system was entrenched in the Kenyan society as a result of deliberate alteration of the constitution and administrative laws of governance without replacing them with adequate alternative laws. The regime of the first President of Kenya, Jomo Kenyatta initiated the process of constitutional alteration, which has perpetually been sustained by the subsequent regimes. The system accounts for the malaise of the Kenyan society particularly, lack of sustainable welfare gain for all Kenyans. Majority of Kenyans prefer a liberal democratic system modelled under parliamentary model with increased veto gates and checks and balances. The study recommends the redesigning of Kenya's political system as this will guarantee, protect, and promote welfare gain of all Kenyans.