

## Unpacking Public Value Destruction through Solid Waste Management in Pakistan: A Critical Study

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**Abstract :** The management of solid waste, from its collection to disposal, is a widespread issue all around the world. This is a stinging issue in the rural and urban areas of the developing and developed states of the world. The mismanagement in Pakistan in the context of solid waste is required to be recognized because it is not only affecting the health of the public but also affecting the health of the environment. Therefore, this study conducts qualitative research methodology and conducted interviews in Lahore, Karachi, Quetta, Peshawar and Islamabad's solid waste management's officials and waste pickers for analyzing uses Grounded theory for the lens of thematic analysis to highlight how public value is being destroyed by the mismanagement of solid waste in Pakistan. This study inspects and critically discusses the effect of corruption, mismanagement, lawlessness, lack of accountability, budgetary issues, and no-proper methods for the disposal of solid waste as the major causes that are destroying public value. These factors should be recognized and should be addressed in order to better the system of solid waste management in Pakistan.

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