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Clientelism is a two sided exchange, therefore seeing it as a corrupting conduct delves deep into its meaning. Clientelism or clientelistic practices are still prevalent in Pakistan's democracy, particularly when it comes to electoral procedures. The main goal of this research is to give a detailed analysis of clientelistic politics in Islamabad with orientation to the general elections of 2008 along with 2013 and 2018 general elections. This study's scope is limited to Islamabad. The data is gathered from both secondary and primary resources. The theoretical frame work are covered by secondary data in form of books and periodicals. This study's original contribution is primary data in the form of interviews which examines the voting behavior and clientelistic politics in Islamabad. Qualitative and analytic methods are used in the study. The qualitative data addresses the research questions and test the hypothesis regarding Islamabad's electoral politics. The general election of 2008, 2013 and 2018 hold a special place in Islamabad's electoral history because they all brought about important electoral changes. After the coup d'état of 1999 military takeover the federal government and General Musharraf held the presidency of Pakistan from 2001 until 2008. After the long period of dictatorship, democratic elections were held in 2008 these democratic elections filled the public with the joy. A tragic incident of Benazir's murder was accrued with changed the elections wave. PPP remained successful all over Pakistan while in 2013's general election PML-N won a large mandate especially in Islamabad. However, in the general elections of 2013, a new political party appeared on the political scene. PTI emerged as an enormous and powerful party it won election from all three continuities of Islamabad. All of these elections shifts are significant and should be investigated

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

PPP	Pakistan People’s Party
PMLN	Pakistan Muslim League, Nawaz
PTI	Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaaf
PML(C)	Pakistan Muslim League Council
PMLQ	Pakistan Muslim League Quaid
IJI	Islami Jamhuri Ittehad
JI	Jamat-i-Islami
JUI	Jamat-i-Ulamah-i-Islam
PDA	Pakistan Democratic Alliance
EBDO	Elected Bodies Disqualification Order
ZAB	Zulifqar Ali Bhutto
BB	Benazir Bhutto

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