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cynical interpretation of their role in society. It is also due to their greed and self-seeking aggrandisement. But since men and nations must be led and governed, only the elites can restore these virtues of democracy and human rights," he said.

Dr. Karanja went on to say that institutions like the University can therefore be of immense value in helping to educate the people about their rights. "Cynicism and complacency about the political process should be resisted, particularly among people who are enlightened. All of us should participate fully, either as electors or elected," he added.