

## Explanation of the Relationship between Respect for Life and the Development of International Peace and Friendship

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**Abstract:** *Peace is a universal cause and one of the most important needs of our time and forms the foundation of human life. The purpose of this study is to investigate the relationship between respect for others and its role in the development of international peace and friendship. In the first phase and in the qualitative phase, the statistical population consisted of all elites of Olympic sport and population of 12 persons. In this phase, the researcher collected qualitative information through direct observation and face to face interviews with the elites upon completion of the interview and reaching saturation. Consensus on the responses was interrupted and the initial questionnaire designed and repeatedly validated by experts to verify the content and formal validity of the questionnaire. In the quantitative phase, 37 senior athletic directors in the Olympic field were selected by random sampling. By eliminating items whose factor loadings were less than 0.5, out of 12 items, 4 items were deleted. The significance of the coefficients and parameters obtained shows that the model of measuring the variables now reflects respect for others and the development of peace. The presence of a significant relationship is confirmed. The result of dividing the chi-square index by the degree of freedom is 2.70 which is acceptable compared to the critical value of 5 indices. The root mean square error of estimation error (RMSEA) of this model is 0.070 with a RMSEA threshold of 0.08. GFI, AGFI and NFI indices were 0.92, 0.92 and 0.93, respectively, indicating a very good fit. As the values of these indices are above 0.9, they indicate good fit to the model. According to the results and analysis of previous research and documentation, the impact of institutionalizing respect for others and promoting international peace and friendship is inevitable. Further research is needed in this area.*

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### Introduction

Peace is a most important global goal nowadays and it is foundation of human life. Development of a society, quietness and happiness need peace to be realized. Peace is not only relationship but it is communication and interaction of thoughts and mutual kindness to understand each other. One of the most important target of Olympic movement is terminating political international controversies and developing peace instead. Political relations between the countries have always been an important issue in sport events and this role is undeniable.

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Sport is a symbol of peace and symbiosis and can be a perfect base to provide relations between different nations, under a secure umbrella. By bolding positive aspects of sport, we can spread the friendship and eliminate debates worldwide.

The role and power of sport events in all international fields cannot be ignored or denied as the attentions of the public around the world, focused on it without any attentions to races, language, cultures or color of nations. Sport is an International language. Sport analysis can teach us a lot about International relations, peace and war, sport nationalism and also convergence of nations. Considering political and social aspects of sport, it has been focused by International organizations, governments and real characters to use this vehicle to achieve their goals, as sport effects on public opinions, it can also impress the public diplomacy.

**Nelson Mandela** believed that “sport can change the world, unbelievably unify the nations and create the power of inspirations. Sport can create hope and peace.” The relation between sport, peace and politic is a bilateral connection that each one can affect the other. Interaction of sport and politic has never limited to new era and, with determination, we can express that politic had a remarkable role on formation of Olympic Games. The governments officially populate sports organization so they would be able to supervise and unify the societies. The powerful potential in sport have caused entering political parties, Associations, churches and capitalist centers. Famous French sociologist, **Marcel Mass**, believes “sport is a cultural reaction” so the sport behaviors cannot be considered as a natural behavior but they are cultural behaviors. Obviously we can say that politic has always effected the Olympic Games as the cease fire established and agreed between cities in Greece a few days before organizing Games. Historians and Archaeologists believe that Olympic Games and sports Olympiads started in ancient Greece and at the end of 19<sup>th</sup> century, it was revived. At ancient time, the Festivals always was based on religious aspects showing respects to the god of ancient Greek, **Zeus**, and it was held in Olympia Court yard.

The international Federations always control their sports special activities. (e.g. FIFA, FIVB, FINA ...) while the National Olympic committees supervise the Olympic movements in their own Countries (e.g. US National Olympic Committee ...) The organizing committees of Olympic Games are responsible to manage and control of Olympic events. At the moment, there are 202 country members in IOC and also 35 IFs joined them. The Olympic charter's members represent and promote the interest of IOC and Olympic movement. In Olympic Games, the ceremonies always start by raising the flag of host country and its National Anthem then follow with marching of athletes from participating countries. A famous athlete always carries the flag of his/her country forefront.

The Gold medals achieve by countries are too important for nations because it shows the political legitimacy, modernization of each country and also the strong determination of each athlete. The interests of public to the information and news of sports and also wide reflection of sport events by Medias caused the international relations and sport fields was approaching each other more than before and increase day by day. One of the most important roles of sports in international relations is “Public Diplomacy” role. Today, sport considers as an activity to develop cooperation and interaction between nations and governments use this tool to broadcast their cultural beliefs and values. It can be worthy if our country utilizes all material and spiritual potentials in sport field. According to the researches, we did not have any essay in regard of effects of sport's role on developing peace and friendship. In some cases, we observed some researches on direct effect of sport role on peace and indirect effect on mutual respects.

In transnational era, we can obviously understand that peace, respect to public and convergence of people have very important roles in election of governments.

### **The Importance of the Subject**

One of the greatest human aspirations of all time has been to achieve world peace. In fact, peace can be called the greatest global aspiration that, despite all the efforts made to achieve it, some selfishness and

authoritarianism are a major obstacle to preventing the world from achieving this common aspiration over the years. However, many believe that the most important tool for achieving this global ideal is nothing but sports. In today's modern world, which seems to be interacting with the first and last word, there are still many countries and nations that cannot find a way to achieve peace and friendly relations for various reasons. However, in most cases, sports have been able to bring even these countries together at certain times and under the pretext of sports, and to portray peace, albeit a short one. An important issue that shows how important sport plays in strengthening global peace and international understanding and becomes an important tool in resolving conflicts and political conflicts. In many cases, it can be said that sports diplomacy is far more successful than political and economic diplomacy, etc., and calms the international community.

This becomes even more apparent when we watch big sporting events such as the FIFA World Cup or the Olympics. Great competitions that have occupied the whole world and for a short time, however, depict scenes of friendship and friendship between different societies, proving that sport can play a constructive role in building friendly international relations and regardless of any turmoil. And the enmity of the states brings the nations closer together and paves the way for world peace. After the Olympics became one of the most important sporting events in the world, the Olympics were founded with the aim of ending political conflicts and promoting peace and friendship between societies. To play a significant role in fulfilling the ideal of world peace. But the importance of the role of sport in making peace in the world becomes more important when we realize that it is one of the requirements of society and arises from the heart of societies and grows, and perhaps that is why it has a great impact on public opinion, because it is not a public issue. Political thoughts and mental leaks of governments. Apart from the political conflicts between states and governments, the issue has led to many images of the friendship and friendship of nations. But sport, in addition to its prominent role in the diplomacy of countries, plays an important role in portraying the culture of different societies and reflects the realities as they are, not as political figures and rulers plan and want. A clear example of this imagery can be clearly seen in the movements of foreign figures, coaches and athletes to Iran. In fact, despite the misconceptions that some governments have drawn from Iran to the general public, these people always present the true face of Iran in their sports dealings with Iran; the face, which contrasts with what has been depicted before, makes a huge difference in the awareness of people around the world. An issue that in itself can play an effective role in clearing up misconceptions and unwanted hostilities, the main reason being the lack of truth.

The importance of sport in dismantling wrong policies and creating world peace has been repeatedly studied by many researchers around the world, and it can be boldly said that the conclusion of all this research, as it has been proven many times, is that sport is not just a cause. Creating speed in friendly relations between states and nations is key to understanding different societies. Of course, there is no denying that this sport is sometimes used as a pretext for governments to show off their power and compete in various fields, and to pursue their policies with different faces, but still, sport is still the most powerful tool for There is peace between different societies, and one day this tool will forever dismantle any war and establish lasting peace in the world. This is an important issue that many have been dreaming of for many years, and it is hoped that sports will be able to fulfill this dream.

### **Necessity of the Research**

Sport is a crucial part of the international system, is at the same time formed by and impacts on the system. Such issue opens up the idea that sport is the vehicle to carry on friendly relationship and mutual respect among the countries. Olympism principles define, on the other hand, that Olympic stands empty of racial, political and sexual discriminations and is administered in a peaceful atmosphere and with mutual respect. The present research elaborates on the relationship between respect to life and development of international peace and friendship and therefore, the question is if respect to others holds any relationship with development of international peace and friendship.

### **Research background**

Tunisia (1941) and later Frankie (1963) argued that sport was strengthening. Global peace and non-aligned understanding play a role. Simmel emphasizes that exercise when shaping Winning a sports competition can play a key role in resolving conflicts and conflicts (Anwar al-Kholi, 2004, 72-73). Kidd (1996) argues that the Olympics are special. You have to exercise to be aware of global justice and to promote a sense of responsibility for social acceptance around the world to be used. The Olympics are an opportunity for cultural exchange and to get to know the different cultures of the world it is an opportunity to make peace and social responsibility through interviews The mass media can take control of nationalism and commercialization, and so on (Coakley, 2009: 454) Used to advance the goals of Olympism Sports and Politics: Media Coverage "Delgado (2003) in a study entitled Exploring the Role of Iran's "Competition Against the United States" Policy, 1998 World Cup Football, France Pay in sports. Delgado states that the American media at the time of the tournament in France has done a lot to promote the relationship between the United States and Iran. Hawish et al. (2013) an Analysis of International Sports Events, such as the Olympics or they show the FIFA World Cup and conclude that these events play an important role in They play international relations.

### **Theoretical Framework**

At present, the sport of sports is no longer summarized in the above-mentioned propositions, and it has reached a much wider range. This has attracted a lot of attention. At present, the role and power of major sporting phenomena in the international arena cannot be denied, because the attention of many people around the world, apart from culture, language, color and race, is focused on this common international language, so in some competitions such as the Cup. The World Cup or the vast majority of the world's Olympics follow.

### **Convergence of countries and the global ideal of peace**

The Olympics are one of the most important sports in the world and have always had a close relationship with the concept of peace. Five Olympic rings are designed to connect the continents of the world; just as the colors of these rings are different, athletes from around the world come from different colors and races with different political and social conditions, once every four years, at the world's largest sporting event, whose war and competition are peaceful. And he has a friendship with him. The basic principles of Olympism state that the Olympics are far from any race, not racial, political or gender discrimination, and are taking place in a completely peaceful environment. Sport is a symbol of peace and prosperity, tolerance and tolerance, the basis and organizer of communication between different ethnic groups in the world, under the umbrella of peace and security. Highlighting the positive aspects of sport at the international level is the creation of friendly relations, and with the right strategies and policies, it is possible to create conditions in which sport maintains its purity and plays an effective role in resolving international conflicts and making peace. Common human interests and the harmony of the interests of human beings and countries cause the convergence of countries and human beings. Therefore, in international relations, the convergence of nations must be considered and emphasized. Peace is a universal ideal and one of the most important necessities of our time and forms the foundation of human life. The progress of society, tranquility and happiness all need peace in order to be realized. Peace is not just a relationship, but peace is the exchange of thoughts and ideas, mutual love and acceptance of each other. In political relations between countries, one of the most important and noteworthy points is always sports competitions and its role is undeniable.

### **The Relationship between Sports Diplomacy and International Relations**

With the rise of globalization, governments were no longer the only actors in the international arena, and other actors such as international organizations, multinational corporations, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and major sports federations appeared in the field of international relations. Coverage of a kind of de-escalation in many areas of international relations and solve many problems that cannot be solved by official diplomacy or that the conditions for solving the problem have not been provided by official diplomats. For example, the most famous examples of political use of sports were the unusual diplomats who went to play ping pong and changed the date, which he referred to as ping pong diplomacy. Negotiations between the United States and China in the 1970s, when the two countries

made great efforts to improve relations and at the initiative of China, invited the US table tennis team to the competition, which was also attended by a number of diplomats. Chinese officials spoke. The negotiations eventually led to Richard Nixon's secret national security adviser Henry Kissinger's visit to Beijing in July 1971. A year later, US President Richard Nixon paid an official visit to China with Mao Zedong. These were unusual diplomats who went to ping pong games and changed the date, which was a show of eight days of mutual desire to calm the old problems between Beijing and Washington. "You have opened a new chapter in relations between the United States and the Chinese people," he said at a party for American guests at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. "I am confident that this beginning of our friendship will definitely be supported." "People will be two countries." On the same day, April 14, the United States lifted a 20-year trade embargo against China. Sports and sports competitions, in addition to bringing the enemies closer; In many cases, it also strengthens and strengthens good relations with friends and neighbors, including then-President Harding, who hoped that continued sports ties between Japan and the United States would help improve relations between the two countries. In South Korea's 2014 Asian Games, the people and officials of this country treated the North Korean athletes with special respect, so that during the parade of the athletes at the opening of these games, all the spectators who were present in the stadium rose from their seats. They were applauded for holding the North Korean flag. And perhaps most importantly, the bitter historical aftermath of a sporting event that is perhaps another don't repeat it. Honduras and El Salvador in 1969. After a football match and incidents on the ground and inside the stadium, they declared war on each other and attacked each other with tanks, artillery and planes. The war, later known as the Football War, killed about 3,000 people and left thousands homeless.

### **General sports diplomacy and opportunities ahead**

One of the important roles of sport in international relations is the role of public diplomacy. Thus, sport is an activity for international cooperation and interaction, and countries should use it to spread their cultural values and beliefs in the form of sports, and our country should use all its material and spiritual resources because spreading political goals and showing the national power of the country. With the soft power of sports, and especially the heroic character that is always rooted in the history of Iran as a belief in sports, it can become an international prestige for the Islamic Republic of Iran and witnessed this claim, sometimes the 2017 World Wrestling Cup. It was in Kermanshah that a few days after the new US President Donald Trump's order not to allow the entry of seven Muslim countries, including Iran, the reaction of the Islamic Republic of Iran regarding the admission of American wrestlers and the hospitality of the honorable people of Kermanshah He was able to show the high values of Iranian and Islamic culture and spread the soft power of the Islamic Republic, and caused many reactions from the athletes of the US national wrestling team in the media, who expressed their feelings in this regard, and each Which b The title of cultural ambassadors of the Islamic Republic shows a kind of political embarrassment towards the anti-Iranian goals of their respective governments. And the authorities should make the most of the pens available in this area to achieve the goals of the Islamic system.

### **Conclusion**

Today sport as a great industry and a high-potential, covers a wide range of areas including culture, economics and politics and this point has attracted a lot of attention. At present, the role and power of major sports phenomena in the international arena cannot be denied because the attention of many people in the world, apart from culture, language, color and race, is focused on this common international language. Therefore, in some world competitions, such as the Olympic Games, the vast majority of the world's people follow these competitions. One of the most important sport events that represents the relationship between world peace and sports and has always been closely related to the concept of peace, is the Olympics. Sport is a symbol of peace and coexistence, tolerance and acceptability, the basis and organizer of communication between different ethnic groups in the world, under the umbrella of peace and security. Highlighting the positive aspects of sport at the international level is the establishment of friendly relations and it is possible to create the conditions for sports to maintain their purity and to play an effective role in resolving international conflicts and creating peace by adopting appropriate strategies and policies.

Common human interests and the coordination of the interests for human beings and countries cause the convergence of countries and human beings. Therefore, in international relations, the convergence of nations must be considered and emphasized. Peace is a universal dream and one of the most important necessities of our time, and it forms the foundation of human life. The progress of society, calmness and happiness all need peace to be realized. Peace is not just communication, but the exchange of thoughts and ideas, mutual love, and acceptance of one another. In political relations between countries, peace has always been one of the most important and noteworthy points, and its role is undeniable. In the 1960s, Norbert Elias, in an astonishing and innovative analysis, declared that "sport is the key to understanding society." According to Elias, civilizations and societies from the past centuries have gradually helped to make moral customs peaceful by gradually internalizing severe social pressures. According to the results and analysis of the documents, this is the general result that Respect for all forms of life and sympathy at different levels, can teach individuals and decision makers to learn the knowledge and skills necessary for a peaceful life and mutual respect in order to develop the international peace and friendship and According to the research results, the impact of institutionalizing respect for others and developing international peace and friendship is inevitable. More research is needed in this area.

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