



Prioritization of the dimensions of political development based on Islamic teachings in the Islamic Republic of Iran¹



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Extended Abstract

The aim of this research is to prioritize the dimensions of political development based on Islamic teachings for the government of the Islamic Republic of Iran. This study is designed as a developmental-applied research and is conducted in a survey manner.

To collect data, various tools have been utilized, including reviewing credible documents, interviewing experts, and distributing questionnaires. The statistical population of this research includes 15 university professors in the fields of development management and political science who are familiar with Islamic topics, as well as seminary professors and clergy who specialize in governmental management and political science. In this research, the DEMATEL technique has been employed to analyze the data, which helps in examining the relationships between different dimensions of political development.

The results indicate that the dimension of effective political participation has been identified as the most important among the dimensions of political development.

This finding highlights the significant role of citizen participation in political and social processes, which can enhance the sense of responsibility and foster a healthy and dynamic political culture. Additionally, the dimension of religious democracy has been recognized as the most influenced dimension, indicating its deep connection with other dimensions of political development.

This research can serve as a practical guide for policymakers and decision-makers in the Islamic Republic of Iran, assisting in the design of programs and policies that strengthen citizen participation in political processes.

In the present study, the dimensions of political development based on Islamic teachings were initially identified through library studies and interviews with experts. These dimensions were classified into nine categories: authentic political-Islamic worldview, coherence of organizational political culture, rationality, and rationality, justice-centeredness, reliance on spirituality, rule of law, effective political participation, religious democracy, and responsibility and accountability. Then, these dimensions were examined and analyzed using the DEMATEL technique.

Analysis of the results obtained from the DEMATEL technique shows that the dimension of effective political participation has been identified as the most important dimension among the dimensions of political development. This result indicates that to realize political development in the Islamic Republic of Iran, there is a need for active and effective participation of citizens in political and social processes. Political participation not only helps to strengthen the sense of responsibility among the people but also leads to the creation of a healthy and dynamic political culture. In other words, the greater the participation of the people in political decision-making and processes, the closer we can get to achieving the goals of political development.

On the other hand, the dimension of religious democracy has been identified as the most influential dimension in this research. This indicates that the principles of religious democracy, as one of the main pillars of the Islamic Republic of Iran system, are influenced by other dimensions of political development. In other words, to strengthen religious democracy, special attention should be paid to other dimensions such as justice-orientedness, rationality and wisdom, and the coherence of political culture. This mutual relationship between the different dimensions of political development can lead to the creation of an



efficient and accountable political system in which the rights and freedoms of citizens are well respected.

The present research has significant differences from previous studies in the field of political development, especially in the field of attention to Islamic components.

For example, in the study of Amir Mazaheri et al. (1402), various components of political development have been identified, but the components of political participation and political freedom have not been considered. In contrast, the present study specifically focuses on the dimensions of political development based on Islamic teachings and identifies the dimension of effective political participation as the most important dimension. Also, in the study of Mir Khalili et al. (1401), the political development model based on Iranian Islamic progress has 10 main components, while the present study classifies the dimensions of political development into nine specific categories and emphasizes the importance of the interrelationship between these dimensions. The results of the study of Malekshahi et al. (1400) also emphasize the impact of political development components on good governance, while the present study specifically addresses the impact of political participation on the achievement of political development goals in the Islamic Republic of Iran. The limitations of the present study include that the results obtained are based only on the opinions of experts and academics and may not fully represent the general views of society.

Also, the focus of the study on the dimensions of political development based on Islamic teachings may lead to limitations in examining other components of political development that have been raised in previous studies. In summary, it can be said that these results can be used as a practical guide for policymakers and decision-makers in the Islamic Republic of Iran.

Given the importance of effective political participation and its impact on religious democracy, political development programs and policies must be designed in a way that strengthens citizens' participation in political processes. This can include creating appropriate legal and social platforms for participation, educating and raising awareness among the public about political and social rights and responsibilities, as well as strengthening civil and social institutions.

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