

The main question of this thesis goes like this: What were Imam Khomeini's viewpoints on political parties theoretically and politically?. In an attempt to answer the above said question, the hypothesis of this thesis is based on the fact that Imam Khomeini approves these parties and associations theoretically and this approval is based on the rules of jurisprudence. Moreover as Imam Khomeini did not completely support any particular party or group but on the other hand absolute banishment and conditional approval of parties and groups can be seen in his works; and these actions of Imam Khomeini can be seen as regulations as to how the political parties and organizations should function and perform. The above said hypothesis is put to analysis in three different sections. The first section is allocated to the concept of political party and other words related to it. It also briefly explains the concept of party in Islamic culture and literature and also explains the concept of party in the west. The second section deals with the process of transformation of political parties and organizations in Iran on the whole and the development and evolution of political parties in the Constitutional Revolution and also the transformation of political parties and organizations after the victory of Islamic revolution. The third section deals with discussion and evaluation of political parties from Imam Khomeini's point of view.