

A Comparative Study on the Concept of Security between Machiavelli and Imam Khomeini

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Abstract

The matter of security in the social life of man has been always taken into consideration in all ages. For this reason, the researcher has made a comparative study on the subject of security between the views Niccolò Machiavelli and Imam Khomeini, as the two great Eastern and Western thinkers and philosophers. Through the study he has highlighted the similarities and differences in their views on a wide range of subjects in connection with “security” including “religion and security,” “army and security,” “law and security,” and “freedom and security.” The research’s main argument however tries to elucidate how Imam Khomeini’s views are different from Machiavelli’s and comes to the conclusion that Machiavelli defines security in terms of power while the Imam describes it in connection with conduct and leadership.