

# **Ethics of Political Authority from the View of Imam Khomeini and Imam Khamenei**

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## **Abstract**

The dominant spirit within the Islamic Republic is a manifestation of Imam Khomeini's ideals originating from the Islamic teachings and Quran. The approach to power and political authority is of course divine oriented in the book of God and based on the principles of ethics and humanity. Thus, those who take political responsibility in the Islamic system should not be in search of fame or position to quench their carnal desires. They have just duty to serve people in the way of God. Both Imam Khomeini and Imam Khamenei have always emphasized that all authorities should be eligible to their positions and act based on ethical values. Undoubtedly, their appropriate manner strengthens ideals of the Islamic Republic and paves the way for them to achieve happiness and salvation. It is of course clear that violation of the rules and ethical regularities can lead to disastrous consequences. Accordingly, this research aims to examine the basic principles of ethical responsibility in the governing body of an Islamic system while highlighting the ethical recommendations by the supreme leaders of Iran to the authorities and executive sections.