

# **Comparative study of the clerics' role in the Nationalization of Oil movement and Islamic Revolution**

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## **Abstract:**

In the present study and dissertation, the role of clerics has been analyzed and researched in the Islamic Revolution movement. In the present research we will also comparatively see how was the role of the clergy in the oil nationalization movement of the oil and Islamic revolution and whether these roles were essentially different?

The hypothesis of this thesis is that in the National Oil Movement, the clerics then had played the role of a business leadership and did not seek to eliminate the political system governing the community, but seek political independence and shorten the domination of British colonialism.

This is while in the Islamic Revolution, clerics, in addition to having a strategy to combat the Shah regime, have taken on three roles of ideologist, organizer, director and architect, and the establishment of a new Islamic government based on the rule of law.

After explaining the generalities of the research in the first chapter, in the second chapter, in addition to expressing the theoretical issues of the research, the theoretical foundations of the National Oil and Islamic Revolution of Iran have been raised, and in the third chapter, the role of clerics in the national oil movement, as well as their strategy in this struggle and theoretical foundations has been studied.

And in the fourth chapter, the role of the clerics led by Imam Khomeini in the Islamic Revolution was examined and it is stated that Imam Khomeini, by presenting his new theory of Islamic rule, has struggled with the strategy of combating the regime and the established system based on the rule of the wise.

Therefore, it can be concluded that the National Movement of Petroleum was a political movement to remove British dominance over Iranian resources and indeed political struggle within the framework of the system, but the role of the clerics in the Islamic Revolution had a comprehensive role in removing the established royal system and establishing an Islamic state based on Velayat-e faqih (Guardianship of jurist).

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