

# Descriptive Study of Post-Islamic Revolution Discourses on Religious Government and its Relationship with Imam Khomeini's Political Thought

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## **Abstract:**

This dissertation and research is aimed at the descriptive recognition of the discourses after the Islamic Revolution of Iran about the religious government and its relativeization with the political thought of Imam Khomeini.

Following the revolution in the religious government, two major discourses under the title of the discourse of the Islamic government and the discourse of the customary rule of Muslims were formed which the discourse of the Islamic government could be divided into two subtitles of the Islamic government with the ruling jurispudent of the people and the scribe of the Islamic government with the rule of the jurispudent. It is categorized by each one on how the relationship between religion and government and the nature of the government in Islam, as well as the theoretical foundations in this regard, are of major controversy.

The main question of this research is: What are the similarities and divergences of political discourses after the revolution with regard to religious rule? What is their relation to Imam Khomeini's political discourse?

And the sub-queries of this research are:

- 1) What are the characteristics of the post-revolution discourse on religious rule?
- 2) What are the characteristics of Imam Khomeini's discourse on religious rule?
- 3) What is the ratio of these discourses to each other and with the discourse of Imam Khomeini?

The method of this research is a descriptive and comparative method

And for the descriptive review of these discourses, van Dyke's theory of discourse has been used. This research ultimately proves this hypothesis that the discourse of Imam Khomeini is more closely associated with the discourse of the Islamic government based on the jurisprudence.

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