

Legitimacy of political Power in Imam Khomeini's perspectives

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Abstract

A series of interpretations have been presented about the legitimacy of political power and numerous systems of governance do exist.

Some of these systems could be favored or at least prioritized to other systems. Social and the formal systems of government and other social categories can do co-exist within Islam, including popular legitimacy of political power and divine legitimacy of political power.

From Imam Khomeini's perspective, on the one hand, emphasis can be seen on the need to follow Islam in all matters, and on the other hand, we see the recognition of the people's vote in almost all political and social decision-making

And the legitimacy of election has been acknowledged and endorsed.

This study intends to examine the views regarding sovereignty and divine legitimacy of political power, Islamic government and democratic government and the compatibility of all of these elements.

There are different interpretations of the legitimacy of political power from perspectives of the late Imam, in response to the question regarding legitimacy of political power and sovereignty.

The research will also explore Imam Khomeini's thought, according to the foundations of Imam's political thought.

First point to be into consideration is that in determining the foundations is that all powers, sovereignty and the legitimacy of these matters must be based on Islamic teachings.

Another significant point is that the legitimacy of the above matters should be based on the public vote to determine the majority.

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