

The white revolution and Imam Khomeini (PBUH)

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Synopsis:

To answer the question that is why Imam Khomeini (peace be upon him) opposed the Shah's white revolution is the main disturbance of the writer of this thesis. My hypothesis is that a collection of visible and logical factors have led to Imam Khomeini's opposition to the white revolution and in order to answer the main question and test the hypothesis this thesis has three chapters. In the first chapter foreign and domestic areas and the processes of the white revolution were examined. This thesis has three general titles. First the title is the foreign areas of the white revolution and I examine blocking penetration of communism and Kennedy's doctrine and expansion of consumption market of American goods and firming the domination. And second the title is "domestic areas of the white revolution" and here I discuss two subjects and they are the reduction of the power of big landowners and the creation of a serious class supporting the regime and also firming and strengthening of Shah's power and the court and suppression of those who opposed that. And third the argument regarding land reforms and then the bill regarding provincial councils and from the aspect of time they existed before the white revolution is pointed out and ultimately also the argument regarding the white revolution is put forward and that comprised land reforms and the bill regarding provincial councils. In chapter two the thoughts and logical reasons behind visible factors that have to do with Imam's opposition with the white revolution is discussed and I have divided that chapter and that includes two general titles. First political thoughts of Imam is put forward and is discussed and according to him not only religion is not separate from politics but also they are intertwined. Based on the Tawheed principle and rejection of idols he believes that the Shah's domination is the domination of idols and rejects obeying that and through rejection of their domination he fights against colonialism. And by putting forward the theory of guardianship of the jurisprudent he seeks to replace the domination of the idols. The second title is with respect to visible factors regarding Imam's opposition with the white revolution and that has been argued based on two views. First the visible situations surrounding Imam's opposition such as the Kennedy doctrine and American pressure on the Shah in order to implement reforms, Ayatollah Broujerdi's opposition to land reforms, passing away of the former and Kashani and the effort that the regime made to transform the authority from Qom to Najaf, the plan of provincial councils and identifying opposition was expressed and then Imam's oppositions to each of land reforms, the bill of provincial councils and the white revolution and his position vis-à-vis that was expressed in length. And finally in chapter three the results and economic consequences of the white revolution was discussed and based on that I divided that chapter and with three titles and they are as follows: 1- the economic

results and consequences of the white revolution and that is more influenced by that revolution's land reforms cases 2- the white revolution's cultural and social results and consequences 3- the political results and consequences of the white revolution and the most important of them is 15th Khordad 1342 uprising. Anyway a collection of logical factors such as rejection of the idol and rejection of obeying that and seeking to have independence and fighting against colonialism and visible ones such as the passing away of Ayatollah Broujerdi and Kashani and the plan of the bill of provincial councils led to Imam's opposition to the white revolution. That got defeated and as such the hypothesis of this research work was proven.

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