

The place of the public opinion in the Islamic rule according to Imam Khomeini

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Abstract:

In this research I am after this that whether the people's views and thoughts influence the Islamic rule or not according to Imam Khomeini. In order to answer that question, I have tested a hypothesis and that is what follows: according to Imam Khomeini (peace be upon him) the public opinion is not the basis of founding a rule and that plays a fundamental role concerning the efficiency and also political decisions. In order to answer the main question and in order to test my hypothesis this thesis has three chapters and that was put forward.

In the first chapter I put forward the definitions and the concepts of the public opinion and also the influence that phenomenon has on the founding of the rule. In that part as the thesis's theoretical framework I have pointed to the putting forward of the social contract and I put forward its position within the political decision-makings and that has a theoretical form. After my theoretical argument in the second chapter I have discussed the position and the role of the views of the people concerning the founding of the rule according to Imam Khomeini and I have gotten this result that mentions that he believed that the public opinion is not the basis of founding the rule but that is influential as far as the efficiency of the rule is concerned. Also in the third chapter I pointed out the position of that phenomenon as far as the political decision-makings according to the view of Imam Khomeini (peace be upon him) are concerned and I saw that he emphasized on the influential and efficient role that the views and the thoughts of the people concerning decisions and he believed that was influential.

Therefore, using the expressions of Imam and they are in Imam's Sahifeh I was able to prove my hypothesis.

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