

Freedom from viewpoint of Imam Khomeini

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Abstract:

In this research work I examine the concept, the bases and the domain of freedom according to Imam Khomeini (peace be upon him) and the main question is that what is the concept of the bases and the domain of freedom according to Imam Khomeini's political thoughts? My hypothesis is that the concept of freedom according to Imam is the following: the right to choose or the choice that human beings have with respect to the kind of life and opinion. The bases of freedom according to him is rooted in unity and from the principle of that the principle of Man's freedom is learned and human beings are beings that have determination, choice and freedom regarding decision-making and also freedom is Man's Godly and natural right and his first one and based on Islam all human beings are equal and the rights of all of general publics is considered. According to his excellency Imam the limit and the domain of freedom is stretched to the border of Islam's laws and in the country it is crystallized in the constitution. To test I have divided this research work's hypothesis into three parts. The first part comprises two chapters. In the first chapter I express the concept of freedom and its kinds and in chapter two while I express the concept of freedom according to Islam and the West (Liberalism) I point to the bases and the domain of that that have to do with those two schools of thought. Then I compare Islam's and the West's views about the concept, the bases and the domain of freedom. In part two and it comprises three chapters I examine the particularities of the bases and basic principles of Imam Khomeini's political thoughts and part three that comprises four chapters explains freedom from the aspect of Imam Khomeini's political thoughts. In that part I have examined first the concept of the value and the place of freedom and then the bases of that and the kinds of political ones and the limit and the domain of that according to him.