

Investigation of Social Participation and its Effective Factors in Khaf County

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Abstract

This paper examines the factors affecting social participation in the city of Khaf. These factors are: age, religion, education, social trust, social cohesion, universalism, futurism, traditionalism, and powerlessness. The method of this research is survey and the data are obtained using a multi-stage sampling method. The population of the active population of Khaf city was 55405 people and 380 people were selected using Cochran formula. Pearson correlation coefficient, variance analysis, multivariate regression, path analysis model and structural equation model were used for analyzing the data and testing the hypotheses. The findings of this study show that the average social participation of respondents was moderate and the variables used in this study were able to explain 31 percent of variance of dependent variable. Among the factors affecting social participation, social cohesion and education, the most influence and religion and powerlessness have had the least effect. In this research, the effect of social trust, social solidarity, universalism, futurism, and traditionalism on social participation was significant but their age, religion, and powerlessness had no significant effect on social participation.

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