

The Islamic Republic of Iran and Policy making of sexuality

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Abstract

This article talks about the Policy making of sexuality in Iranian society. To enter the discussion, a brief explanation about two sets of integrator and differentiator approaches -as a kind of conceptual framework- is provided. The research method is document analysis in the space of qualitative research approach. An overview of the documents related to policy-making in the fields that overlap with sexuality matters shows that at the level of general and macro policies, the priority of economic development has prevailed over other areas of life during the past three decades. As if, the country's macro-policies have been nothing but following the strategies of increasing the supply of cheap and educated labor force and as well as reducing childbearing in the years after the holy defense. In other words, with a little tolerance, the general policy of the country in the field of sexuality should be analyzed according to the integrator approach. The enhancement of the integrator approach at the level of laws is also quite clear, such that approval of various laws are signs of the slow and continuous development of this approach. In return, the strengthening of the theory of gender justice on behalf of the differentiator approaches can be seen in the framework of the drafting of the "Law on Facilitating Youth Marriage" and similar cases. At the same time, the most important challenge of the laws related to the differentiator approach is the lack of necessary financial resources and inconsistency with global processes.

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