

Political Education in Imam Riḍā's (as) Biography; A Model for Increasing Insight

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Abstract

Political education is one of the concepts that play a key role in shaping the frameworks of Islamic government and characterizing the type of action of society and increasing Islamic insight. Political education is a process that begins with non-political affairs and then moves on to simpler areas. In Islamic thought and the behavioral patterns of the Imams (as), the socio-political education of man and society has always been of great importance. Through social and political education, the infallible Imams have always explained religious teachings in the individual and governmental spheres and have trained human beings in the level of Islamic culture and identity. In the political thought of Imam Riḍā (as), the concept of political education is basically related to the empowerment of the Muslim community in order to inform and improve their level of insight to understand the existing trends. The main question of the research is what is the political education in the thought and behavioral pattern of Imam Riḍā (as)? According to the research findings in the behavioral model of Imam Riḍā (as), political education basically means social self-awareness and the establishment of political and social cohesion and has its own components and characteristics, in such a way that right orientation, justice, freedom of expression, honor and respect, knowing the audience and awareness of the time are the most important features of political education in their thought and behavior pattern. Based on this, the research method is descriptive-analytical, which explains the political education in the thought and behavioral pattern of Imam Riḍā (as) by using the narrations and biography of Razavi.

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