## Sociological Study of the Effects of Cultural Factors on the Level of Political Participation: (Case study: Citizens over 25 years of age living in Esfarayen)<sup>1</sup>

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## **Abstract:**

Political participation, which is one of the undeniable necessities of political systems in the present century, is shaped by various factors. One of these factors is the role of cultural factors which the purpose of the present study is to study the role of these factors in the level of political participation. This research is a survey based on a sample of 383 people over 25 years of age living in Esfarayen, selected using stratified sampling method. Data were collected using a questionnaire and its reliability was assessed by method its form and reliability are measured using Cronbach's alpha statistics. The data are analyzed using 16 spss. The findings of the research indicate that there is a significant correlation between the five cultural factors (feeling of political power and influence, political trust and social trust, life satisfaction and religiousness) that were studied in this study. Among the underlying variables of the research, there were significant relationships between gender, occupation, education and economic status, with political participation.

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