

A Study of the Effective Factors Related to Women's Social Security Case Study: Women between 15- 40 Years Old in Shiraz

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Introduction

Security is one of the first necessities in every society. Talking about different aspects of security, such as personal, national, social, aviation, road safety, food security and other types of security, shows that this topic is really pervasive in every single aspect of a person's life. Having been influenced by an idealistic view, until the 80s, studies on security were conceived as a response to survival, and it was taken for granted that human beings will always face an existential threat that makes security inevitable. In such attitudes, security was considered in association with physical survival of government- nation, and potential military invasion to this survival. In the late 1970s, however, with the advent of globalization, transnational ideas, networks, etc. a new interpretation of the word security was formed, and replaced concepts such as idea, order and certainty with other concepts such as doubt, fear and uncertainty. The first scholar who doubts the classical relations between security and defense is Bary Buzan. We can consider him as the founder of the Copenhagen School. He theorizes about security, claiming that security is not limited to national security (or the security of the government), but that it should be also expanded into new branches (military, political, economic, environmental, and social). Copenhagen School considers women as a social group that has its own identity. Several factors, such as economic and social factors, media, religious commitment, etc. can bring about a sense of security for women. However, these factors can influence women rights, their freedom of speech and religious freedom, or may lead to a variety of threats. As long as a society is not safe, in individuals' point of view, citizens will not feel secure. Women will not feel secure either, unless they feel peace at school, university, workplace, public place, on street, etc. That is why they feel anxious about being raped, mistreated in their working place and also not feeling secure while commuting, etc., and, as a result, these factors are important in women's sense of security. A survey which is conducted by the Center for Women's Participation shows that one of the major problems of women is lack of sense of security which can be one of the most important concerns for women. This has put limitations on women's activities in public places, and, as citizens, they have difficulties with active work.

Material & Methods

In this research, our method is survey. We use self-report questionnaires and cluster-sampling technique. Our study is concentrated on girls and women between 15- 40 years old in Shiraz. Using Lin's formula, we calculated the volume of the sample, which is, with a reliability coefficient of ± 5 , a confidence coefficient of 95% and a population variance of 50-50%, 383 individuals.

Discussion of Results & Conclusions

The results show that the following factors affect the sense of social security: marital status, being satisfied about appearance, family's supporting, other people's attitude towards person and religiosity. Family's supporting is the factor which has the most significant relationship. Also, based on regression analysis results, we can conclude that 62% of the dependent variable changes can be explained by considering inserted variables into the regression model. According to the results obtained from the analysis, families have a very significant role in developing a sense of security among their members. And commitment to religious traditions and customs is among those factors that can have strong effects on women's dressing styles; this commitment, in return, can influence their security. Finally, it should be noted that police must try to act in such a way that it makes citizens feel secure, and not frightened. The police can have a more significant role in developing a sense of security among people in the society. In this way, citizens will trust them more and they can do their job in the best way.

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