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Social Trust in the City of Yazd: An Analysis of the Levels and Factors

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Abstract

Trust is the most important factor in making social order and capital. It also plays a crucial role in establishing stronger interpersonal relationships, increasing risk power and making social life more comfortable.

The present study was carried out to investigate the rate of social trust and the factors affecting it in the city of Yazd. In this survey study, a sample of 288 citizens of Yazd (15 years old and over) were interviewed.

The findings show an index of %17.4 for low social trust, %64.6 for moderate social trust and %13.5 for high social trust. It has also been found that social trust is more among men, and more among the married. The relationship between social trust and variables Such as social participation, religiousness, social relation and normative integration is significant.

Among independent variables, normative integration yields the most effect in explaining social trust.

Keywords: Yazd, Social Trust, Social Participation, Normative Integration, Social Relation

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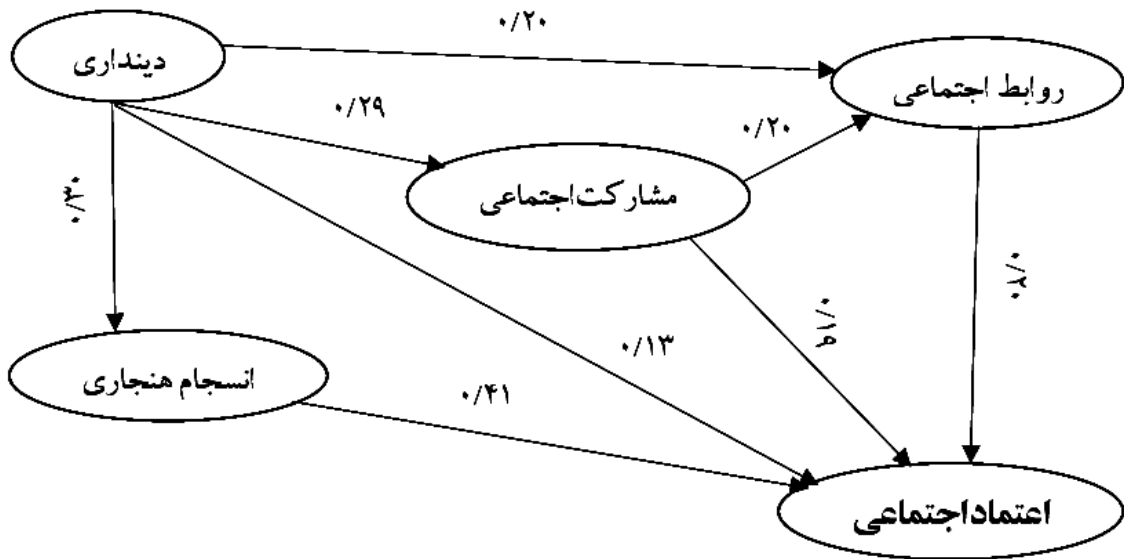
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