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The Role of Ethnic Identity in National Unity: A Case Study of Baluch Ethnic Minority

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Abstract

Since the formation of the modern state in Iran, in the Reza Shah period, one of the political and security concerns has been territory solidarity so much so that the process of national participation has encountered serious challenges. Baluch ethnic minority inhabit Iran southeast (Sistan and Baluchestan province) which extends outside of the country, due to various factors on the one hand is connected with other Iranians but on the other hand there are factors which have weakened this solidarity. By using Hartshorne functionalism and Gattman iconography approach regarding effective humanistic and geographical factors in national unity divergence and convergence, the present article attempts to investigate the role of ethnic identity in national unity with regard to Baluch ethnic minority.

**Keywords:** Baluch ethnic miority, Baluchestan, Ethnic Minority and National unity

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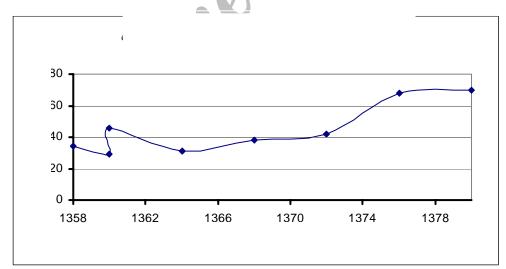
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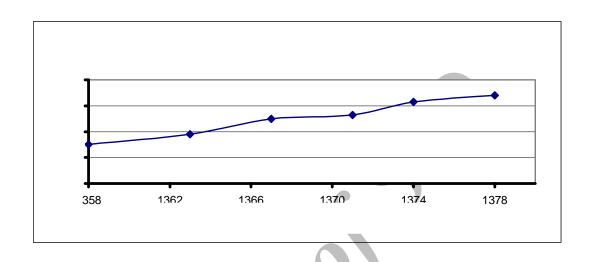
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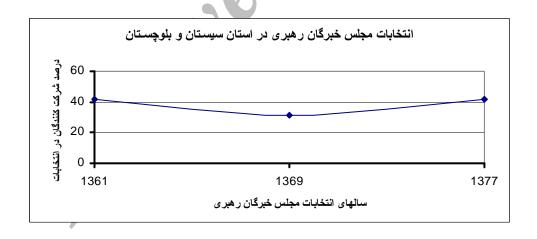
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