

Theoretical model of National security policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran based on societal security

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Abstract

The national security policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, within the framework of conventional approaches—despite its strengths—suffers from certain deficiencies and potential vulnerabilities. Therefore, it requires scientific research to outline a suitable and necessary theoretical model and to employ an efficient and desirable approach. This would assist policymakers in this field in identifying potential vulnerabilities, addressing existing deficiencies, and presenting strategies that align with the conditions and necessities of Iran and the region, and are consistent with the characteristics of the Islamic Republic of Iran's system. This article has been written with the aim of outlining a theoretical model for the national security policy of the Islamic Republic of Iran based on Societal security. The research process is based on a system of questions, formulated in the form of main and sub-questions, and employs the "qualitative meta-synthesis" method, which aligns with the type of research and its requirements. After reviewing the background and literature on the subject, selecting appropriate theories, and combining various approaches to policy and national security policy, and adding the theory of societal security to it, a clear achievement has been presented for improving the national security policy process based on the indicators of the societal security theory. By using this, it is possible to identify the existing weaknesses and potential damages in the national security policy process and to propose strategies that are appropriate to the conditions and correspond to the specialized topics in the field of Iran's national security.

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