

Factors Influencing Women Participation in Political Leadership in Mogadishu, Somalia

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Introduction

In very corner of the world, women continue to aspire to political leadership positions fact that, politics is almost everywhere a male-oriented. Somalia is no an exception. In spite of that, great progresses have been made in the political realm, and women's participation has been increased to some degree over the last decay. However, women's participation in this field remains lower than expectations. In Somalia, women constitute more than fifty percent of the total population of the country and they play vital productive, reproduction, and community-managing roles for the society. The general objective of the study was to determine the factors influencing women participation in political relationship in Somalia. The specific objectives ware the effects of cultural attitudes, education level, gender bias and empowerment on women participation in political participation. This study used three theories that are decision-making theory, learning theory and transformational leadership theory.

Results

The study found out that cultural attitudes, education level, and gender bias and women empowerment greatly affected participation of women in political leadership in Mogadishu Somalia. This study concluded that education and empowerment are key in women leadership. This study recommended that the Somali government should promote women's participation in political decisionmaking by availing access to education of women.

Methodology

This study used descriptive research design. The Target population was 120 people. Random sampling method was used. The sample size was 92 arrived at by Solven's formulae. Primary data was collected using structured questionnaires and secondary data from books and journals. Pilot study was carried out on twenty respondents. Data was analyzed using SPSS version 21. Correlation, regression, ANOVA and model summary was generated. Data was presented in tables.

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