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Abstract

The thesis aimed to study the regional conflict and its impact on political values and their relationship to political development in Yemen. The thesis was represented in two research questions namely ; The first question; to what extent did the regional conflict affect political values in Yemen during the period (1990–2022). The second question; What is the relationship between the application of political values and political development in Yemen during the period (1990–2022). This is done by focusing on; the regional conflict between the countries of the Arab region, and the extent of its impact on three political values: the value of citizenship, the value of democracy, and the value of state sovereignty, and clarifying the relationship between them and political values based on the most prominent indicators of local and international political development especially in Yemen.

The study was based on two basic research hypotheses:

The first hypothesis: The regional conflict had a major impact on the decline in the application of political values in Yemen during the period from 1990–2022, within the context of the theory of national interest in international relations adopted by the powers of regional influence, and within the framework of their different international alliances

The second hypothesis: There is a direct relationship between the application of political values and the level of political development in Yemen during the period from 1990–2022.

In order to prove the validity of the two previous hypotheses, the study used a number of research methods, namely: the historical method; to present the most prominent political events and positions in the Arab regional framework and in the

local Yemeni framework during the study period, then the descriptive approach and the systems analysis method; for the purpose of examining those events to analyze and interpret them, and to clarify the impact of the regional conflict on political values and their relationship to political development in Yemen.

The study included three main chapters, after the introduction that was devoted to the methodological framework and previous studies. The first chapter addressed the issues of regional conflict and its sources, while the second chapter included the reality of the application of political values (the value of citizenship, the value of democracy, the value of state sovereignty) and the obstacles that hindered their application, and the impact of regional conflict on them as well. Lastly, the third chapter, it was devoted to studying indicators of political development in Yemen in light of the application of political values. The study was resulted to the followings ; proving the two hypotheses from which the study was based on to prove the great impact of the regional conflict on political values in Yemen. in addition to that the study proved that there is a direct relationship between political values and political development in Yemen as well due to the state of interconnection between their components; as the level of political development was linked to the state of applying political values and the impact of the regional conflict on them, at every time stage during the study period.

The study also concluded that the basis of the conflict in the Arab region – despite the multiplicity of its issues and sources is due to external conspiracies and the absence of coordination and joint cooperation between the components of the region, and as a result, this conflict had a negative impact on the application of political values in Yemen; as Yemen was the weakest link in the various interactions between the countries of the region, as a result of the weakness of the political system and its inability to confront external challenges.

The study suggested that the impact of the regional conflict on political values would escalate at the medium level, in light of what Yemen suffers from in terms of severe economic problems, geographical and political division, and the fact that part of the Yemeni lands are under foreign occupation.

The study recommended the necessity to expel the existence of foreign occupier, and ending the state of conflict within the Yemeni political components. It also recommended the importance of activating study and research centers, and activating opinion and voice holders from the scientific and intellectual elites; to create an aware and enlightened public opinion. The study also recommended activating the institutional system and implementing the law, as a necessity for the stability of the political system, and preserving the rights of all Yemenis, groups and individuals, in a way that enhances the principle of national loyalty among them, and ensures their efforts to work within the national project, and pushing .towards resisting external threats, and preserving the value of state sovereignty