

Factors Influencing the Attitude of Urban Educated Women towards Politics

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ABSTRACT

Women's participation in politics has been a widely suggested prerequisite of nurturing the democratic values and achieving gender equality. Additionally, politics is an opportunity for women where they can voice their concerns through participation in the decision making process. Moreover, young females' participation in politics can encourage others who have formerly been unconcerned or felt marginalized. This study was conducted after local government election in 2015 in Pakistan with the purpose to get an insight of young females' views about their engagement level in politics. Their attitude were measured by examining the knowledge, belief and behaviour of 472 young educated females towards politics. Findings revealed the role of socioeconomic background caste, and academic disciplines in shaping the political attitude among young educated women. It is suggested that women's engagement in politics should be ensured by providing them enabling conditions and environment of trust with the acknowledgement of their participation.

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