

# **Future of Political Development in Iraq**

## **Example of Nineveh Governorate**

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## **Introduction:**

To begin with, “development” has many meanings and connotations that are of multiple dimensions. It passed through different phases that deeply affected its extent of development, openness to other fields that were not within its common limits, though the human being is its axis along with his surrounding environment, thinking about how to improve and exploiting all the opportunities that lead to this improvement.

Though the core of development is the economic growth, this economic dimension does not supersede the importance of other development dimensions such as human and political development. If the economic growth particularly the sustainable one that became globally required refers to the renewable development that aims at reducing the consumption of natural resources provided that it does not go against the environment, the human development is a process whose goal is to expand the options available for people.

As for the political development, it is a process that has a future institutional dimension, focusing on building the political institutions, enabling them, activating their role, and encouraging the democratic practices of people within their framework.

In the light of what has been stated, the study will address the following aspects:

First: Important elements to settle the political development in Iraq:

Education and its results

Citizenship

Supporting Human development

Supporting political education

Second: Political participation

The concept of Political Participation

Political Participation in Nineveh Governorate

### Third: Future of Political Development in the Governorate of Nineveh

#### Conclusion:

In the light of this scientific study, the researcher reached to the following conclusions:

The education system of the city needs to be updated to a large extent to improve the educational environment, raise the scientific awareness of people to an advanced level that enables them to understand the surrounding issues and those surrounding the governorate and the whole country. In this way, we will have an active member of the society who provides the government with his ideas that are beneficial to the public.

The citizenship bond has been weakening on the part of the citizens in the governorate of Nineveh as a result to the negative accumulations of life that the individual has witnessed there, whether before ISIS or during their time which is the most brutal phase, and maybe even the one that will come after the liberation under the destroyed infrastructure of a semi-distressed or disaster city, which needs real exceptional treatment and solutions.

There is lack in the citizen's role in a purposeful and influential public opinion within the political education framework of people of Iraq in general, and of the governorate of Nineveh in specific resulting from numerous reasons such as fear of chaos, absence of security and stability, economic regression, low-standard livelihood, and other reasons.

The absence of economic and political development as a result to unstable circumstances people witnessed in the city. This led to a bigger gap reflected on the fact that the same citizen gave up on his or her constitutional right within the political framework represented by the right for voting and also being a candidate.

Many educated society sections refrained from voting under the mistrust between the citizen and the parties, and political blocs and their agenda as a result of the fact that people did not observe a significant change during prolonged periods of time.

When Mosul people gave up on constitutional right for voting, they let other figures hold the political floor but they extremely lack political experience and competency through which they can provide basic services for the governorate and its citizens.

### **Recommendations:**

In light of the brief conclusion above, the researcher views that there are some recommendations that would be better to take into consideration in any serious problem solving, represented by:

The researcher recommends depending on an advanced educational and scientific basis in the society through updating and upgrading the educational level of the country and its educational institutions in general.

The researcher recommends the necessity of redefining the concepts of citizenship and belongingness by the government on the basis of achieving all the rights of people so that they perform the duties entitled to them, making them feel the importance of their existence as an important axis for the government and its existence. This is based on the people's existence and their right to enjoy all life aspects.

The researcher recommends that it is necessary to make a real reformation by the government toward development, and combat corruption to take country and the people to a higher advanced level.

The researcher also recommends to establish research centers that are concerned with the public opinion and educate people as far as the political aspects are concerned

and also about the aspects that concern the public good of the country where people are main players.

Giving a great importance to the people's demands of changing the voting system and the electoral commission as it is an important issue on which expanding the political participation within the country and people political development depend.

Giving the floor to the young to take their role in practicing their political and social rights.

The government should pay more attention and care for the governorate in a way that does not make people think that the government is not paying them the same amount of attention it is paying to people in other governorates of Iraq.