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Determinants of Societal Belongingness in Siwa Oasis

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ABSTRACT

This study aimed at identifying the levels of societal belongingness among the Bedouins of siwa oasis .A systematic random sample of 335 heads of households were personally interviewed to collect the data using a schedule form. Percentages, person's correlation coefficient and stepwise multiple regression were the tools of data analysis.

The findings showed that 43% of respondent Bedouins had a moderate degree of societal belongingness .significant correlation coefficients were found between the degree of societal belongingness and each of the following five variables :age, number of years of formal education ,Cosmo politeness , the degree of leadership in the tribe and the degree of holding to traditional habits .when applying the stepwise multiple regression analysis ,the degree of societal belongingness was affected by four independent variables , they were : age , the degree of holding to traditional habits , number of years of formal education and standards of living .the four independent variables were responsible for interpreting about 30% of the variation of the dependent variable .