#### الملخص الإنجليزي

## دراسة بعنوان : دور الحزب الوطني الديمقراطي في دعم المشاركة السياسية للقيادات النسائية من منظور طريقة تنظيم المجتمع

**Title:** Role of the National Democratic Party in Supporting Political Participation of the Female Leaderships from the Perspective of Community Organization Method

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### I- Problem of the Study:

Politics is the expression of society. Increasing numbers of citizens from both males and females who are interested in political work demonstrates positivity and wider participation. The party is the main instrument that organizes citizens' political work. Political parties are important organizations that have significant role in political life on one hand, and the social life on the other hand. The general framework of party works in Egypt states that women have the right of political participation. By reviewing the reality of women political participation, one can discover a remarkable decrease at all levels in their participation in political institutions. It is obvious that political liberty and economic liberty have not led to increase of the Egyptian women integration in general or political life. The weak political participation in developing countries- including our Arab societies- is one of issues that do not attract enough attention. The issue of supporting women political participation- as concerning fair representation in elected council- relates to the issue of discussing the suitable election system.

By reviewing role of Egyptian women in political parties, one can find a semi-complete absence of participation in party activities, and remarkable reluctance to join political parties. By looking at the Egyptian constitution and laws organizing parties' work, one finds no discriminations against women or against their freedom in participating in political life in general, or in party life in particular. Accordingly, the current study attempted to clarify the importance of supporting women political participation. Because participation in parties civil society institutions in order to change patterns of gender discrimination. This has led the researcher to present a suggested perspective for the role of political parties in the activation of women political participation from the perspective of Community Organization Method.

#### **II-** Terminology of the Study:

The concepts of Role, Political Parties, and Political Participation

#### **III- Methodological Procedures of the Study**:

- a. Type of the Study: Analytical descriptive study
- **b.** Method used: sample-based social survey
- c. Tools used in the study:
  - A scale for recognizing the role of political participation in supporting political participation (of feminine leaderships), prepared by the researcher

# d. Fields of the Study:

- Location: the National Democratic Party in Fayoum city
- Sample: the was drawn from feminine leadership in the NDP in Fayoum city (n=50)
- **Duration**: the research took a period of nine months starting from July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, till middle of March 2006.

#### **IV-** Results of the Study:

- a. Level of women participation in political parties should be enhanced. This can be achieved through the following:
  - Quota system as an encouraging procedure for women

- To recommend political parties to lead women towards assuming leadership position within each party
- The political parties should adopt the idea of female cadre school to prepare special cadre of women
- To free social activities from all administrative limitations that hinders the effective participation of women
- b. To support political aspects that affect the role of women in parties
- c. It is necessary to free legislative environment of general and voluntary work in Egypt to be fair for both men and women
- d. To fight violence against women and not to use political repression against women
- e. To participate in orientation seminars for women concerning legal literacy and the arrangement of programs that provide counseling to parties