

**The role of civil society in developing political consciousness
and achieving rational governance
A field study**

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Abstract

The current research aims at analyzing the role of civil society (nongovernmental organizations) in developing the society politically in order to achieve freedom and establish the principles necessary to rational governance. The research poses the following question: what is the role of civil society in achieving local development and freedom that lead to rational governance? This includes recognizing the role of civil society in achieving sustainable development in the light of the status quo of the globalization of economics, politics and culture. It is supposed that the best way to accomplish this is through developing the consciousness of community members of the role of social participation as an important tool leading to rational governance. This would happen in a political climate supports developing the consciousness of community members of the role of social participation. The research is analytic descriptive, sees civil society as the volunteer, non-profit public participation in nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), that involve the unions, parties, associations, ...etc. The field case studies were conducted on a sample consisted of ten participants, selected in deliberate manner and are well known for the researcher. They are all married males in the age period 30-45 years, living in Kom-Hamada (a small town far from the capital, Cairo 120 km). The results showed that, although a large number of field studies are affiliated with the ruling party, however, their participation in

the elections was to support independent candidates; arguing that the government and its deputies do not provide basic services to their community. The research concludes with emphasizing the role of civil society in developing political consciousness and achieving rational governance.

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