

Scientific research and researchers aspirations
A pilot study of the views of some social scientists

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Abstract

The research aims at exploring the reality of social scientific research in Egypt, the ways and means of its developing and its role in achieving the objective understanding of the reality of Egyptian man and society as a whole. In order to do so, the researcher explored the view a sample of researchers in the social sciences on the subjects of scientific research, the business climate and budget, researchers preparation and competence, efficiency of scientific research and its applications, the extent of scientific research contribution to the development process and the constraints and proposals for development. The research focuses on the following main question: What is the reality of social scientific research in Egypt and the prospects of its development? The answer to this question can be achieved through a number of subsidiary questions, covering the main questionnaire, namely, (1) what are the subjects covered by the research and their dominant pattern? (2) How is the preparation and follow-up of the researchers in their research? (3) What is the nature of the prevailing academic climate? (4) What is the size of the budget of scientific research? (5) How is the demand for scientific research and its role in development? (6) What are the main obstacles to the development of scientific research? (7) What are the important proposals for the development of scientific research? The research is exploratory, focusing on the experiences and views of a group of social workers in the social scientific research in Egypt, where the researcher introduced to them a questionnaire, as an instrument for data collection,

containing several main points are as a whole to answer the question of basic research. The selected random sample of fifty cases of social science workers (39 cases of the faculties of arts in the following universities: twenty-five cases of Mansoura university, eight cases of Alexandria, two cases of Zaqazeq university - Banha Branch, three cases of Helwan and one case of Cairo, 9 cases of the faculty of education, Alexandria university- Damanhour Branch and 2 cases of Institute of Social Service, Alexandria university) have been applied in February 2004. The results suggested that there are major constraints of social scientific research, including, the inadequate academic climate, the low interaction between scientific and productive institutions in various sectors, the decline of governmental support and the carelessness in the sufficient preparation of researchers, all of which that reflect on the efficacy of scientific research.

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