Emirati women empowerment: Vision of State leadership and strategy of a State

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Abstract

The study highlights the efforts exerted to empower the Emirati women in all fields. It also tackled the current situation of Emirati women, highlighting the gains achieved and the available opportunities, also challenges and efforts to implement supportive policies for women's empowerment, assessing the implementation and determining the situation to keep pace with developments. In order to achieve these objects, a historical descriptive approach based on the study of reality has been applied through available data such as local and international official statistics on Emirati women under the reign of Sheikh Khalifa. The study was divided into several main axes, covering aspects of women's empowerment, the political, economic and educational empowerment, with the analysis of the gap between gender indicators according to the latest global report of the gender gap.

The most important results of the study:

In a parliamentary precedent that reflects the success of UAE women, Dr. Amal Al Qubaisi, First Vice President of the UAE Federal National Council, chaired the sixth session of the Council, she is considered as first elected woman, and that reflects the success of Emirati women and their active participation in decision-making and that comes in the context of the UAE government's keenness to advance and empower male and female citizens.

The experience of empowering women in the UAE is considered as a distinct experience compared to Arab countries and many foreign countries, according to national and cultural regulations. The UAE Constitution is considered as the primary reference and the main guarantor of women's rights.

The importance of educating women in supporting the empowerment process at all levels has been demonstrated. A strong relationship exists between the educational level of Emirati women and their participation in decision-making and participation in various activities.

The study also reached several recommendations that would increase the Emirati women's political, economic and educational empowerment, meet the challenges ahead and chart the future of Emirati women.

Key words: Empowerment of Emirati women, (political, educational, health, economic) areas.

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