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Role of the Social Justice in Achieving Freedom and Equality

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| ABSTRACT

The study aimed at explaining the role of social justice in achieving freedom and equality, while the problem of the study centered on a pivotal question meaning: what is the role of social justice in achieving freedom and equality. And to answer the question of the study and achieve its objectives, the study used the descriptive analytical method. And the study came to assure that the social justice has an effective role in achieving freedom and equality. Also, the study let us reach numerous results, the most significant of which are: the social justice is considered one of the most important indicators for enhancing social and political stability in states and democratic communities, and the social justice has an effective role in achieving freedom and equality and both of them are intertwined. Their outcomes required numerous recommendations the most important of which are: spreading cultural awareness among citizens with the significance of the social justice and its role in achieving freedom and equality among all categories of the society, and guarantee of independence of the control corporations and institutions of fairness, transparency and the judicial authority to strengthen the role of the social justice in achieving freedom and equality to all categories of the society.

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1. Introduction:

The subject of the role of the social justice in achieving freedom and equality and its role in achieving the political stability within the significant necessary issues that preoccupy the concern of the democratic communities, being the social justice is one of the most important basic pillars in achieving freedom and equality inside the community, and achieving security and stability into the state cannot be done without existence of the social justice.

The role of the social justice in achieving freedom and equality represents an indicator to the political stability inside the political regime and indicates to its power or weakness, and the social justice is considered significant in transition into the democratic life and there should be a conviction and awareness of the significant of the social justice inside the government regimes and political powers to achieve the common good, freedom and equality. This indicates that social equality is important and basic to raise the community and appear in a picture boasted by in front of other states.

1.1 The problem of the study:

The problem of study conceals in the decline of many countries in achieving freedom and equality among all segments of the society because of the absence of the social justice, where numerous of the society segments suffer from inequality in the distribution of natural resources and the different available opportunities, weakness of the social justice role affects the political life, political participation, stability and security inside the contemporary political regimes. The problem of the study can be

formulated in the following pivotal question: "What is the role of the social justice in achieving freedom and equality?". Numerous sub-questions emerged from this question, they are:

1. How can we highlight the role of social justice in achieving freedom and equality?
2. How does social justice share in achieving freedom and equality?
3. What are the means of enhancing the role of the social justice in achieving freedom and equality?

1.2 Objectives of the study:

The study aimed at achieving the following objectives:

1. Highlighting the role of the social justice in achieving freedom and equality.
2. Learn how the social justice shares in achieving freedom and equality.
3. Recognizing the means of enhancing the role of the social justice in achieving freedom and equality.

1.3 Significance of the study:

The present study has the following significance:

Firstly: The scientific significance:

The scientific significance cannot be achieved except by studying the social justice in particular, and search in general for freedom and equality and share by adding a new thing in the domain of political knowledge, and a reference scientific study for the interested people in studies of the role of the social justice in achieving freedom and equality.

Secondly: The practical significance:

The practical significance comes to this study by empowering social justice in the significance of its role to achieve freedom and equality and work to activate its role in reality to introduce to the political decision-maker the recommendations with the significance of the social justice role in achieving freedom and equality.

1.4 Terms of the study:

The social justice: The social justice was known as "the just distribution of income, natural wealth, and the winner among all constitutes of the society justly without religious, ethnic considerations and else" (Frawi, 2023: 89), also others defined it as "that state in which injustice, exploitation, oppression and deprivation from wealth or authority or both of them, and in which poverty, marginalization and social unacceptable differences among individuals, groups, and regions within the state are non-existent, and all in it enjoy equal social, political, and environmental rights and equal freedom, and in which sense of fairness, solidarity and social participation spread (Al-lisawi, 2013: 199-200). It can be defined procedurally, that it is: "a comprehensive political social regime and integrated aims at removing all differences among classes of the society to make available all life demands, all its political, economic and social sides and else to achieve equality and freedom to all individuals inside the state".

Freedom: Is defined as "requirement of human survival and continuity and human communities. Man cannot continue his life without this factor; he needs freedom to assure his humanitarianism and dignity" (Salem, 2021:4), others define it as: "ability to do all what law does not prevent and rejects what law forbids (Yahya, 2020: 7), and it is defined that: "It is freedom and political participation is available for all and it is legal unless it causes harm to other people" (French Declaration for Human Rights and Citizen, 1789).

Equality: is defined as: "similarity among all in rights and duties without discrimination, because of colour, race, or religion or the social status and availability of equal treatment for all human beings, and cancelling existing differences that appear naturally, and mean that all individuals are equal in their freedoms, rights and duties" (Lashin, 2019), and can be defined as: "individuals are equal before the law in acquiring rights and practicing them and duties arising there from, without discrimination among them, because of origin, gender or religion, or languages or the social status" (Kashkash, 1987: 303).

2. Methodology of the study: To achieve the objectives of the study and answer its questions, the study depended on the descriptive analytical method, being describes and analyzes the state of the reality of social justice role in achieving freedom and equality, to understand the significance of the social justice role in achieving freedom and equality, in addition to concentrating on describing the absence of social justice and analyzing its effect on achieving freedom and equality and collecting information related to the present study, the study will be divided into an introduction, two topics and a conclusion including the most important results and recommendations.

3. Previous studies:

There are several previous studies that have been referred to. I mean the most significant of them, as follows:

Frawi study (2023), entitled: "The social justice and its role in achieving the economic security in the Libyan society", this study aimed at highlighting the significance of the role done by the social justice in achieving the economic and national security in general, and shedding light on the most significant pillars and the machineries of achieving them and obstacles to achieving them in the Libyan society. This study depended on the descriptive analytical method.

Mohammad et al study (2019), entitled: "The Social Justice": Its obstacles and means of achieving them in the Iraqi society", this study is built on the supposition that the social justice had imposed itself and became expressing a public and group state its achievement lucks began to decline under several justifications and drives, from here the social justice in Iraq had witnessed ups and downs through the political and social process accompanied by plenty of success sometimes and failures some other times.

Al-lisawi study (2013), entitled: "Future Horizons to achieve justice and development in the economy of the Arab Spring: Egypt State". This study concentrated on the close links between the concept of social justice and its numerous dimensions and the economic development and sustainable development in a broader sense. The study introduced a concept for development agreeing with the trend towards the social justice, and is representing in a comprehensive developmental framework, the social justice forms a significant corner from its basic corners and is performed on the principle of depending on the self-abilities of the society and the different dimensions of the sustainable development integrate in it, the extent to which the Egyptian revolution can provide the proposed development was discussed. This study is distinguished from other previous studies, as it concentrates on highlighting the role of social justice in achieving freedom and equality, and connecting the role of social justice in achieving freedom and equality as they are an integrated relationship.

4. Raising the Social Justice Role in Achieving Freedom and Equality:

Here, it has to answer the first question, what is the role of the social justice in achieving freedom and equality? The social justice represents a pivotal role in achieving freedom and equality, where any state is exempt from injustice, disrespect of human dignity, citizenship and rights, due to the absence of the social justice. Role of social justice is considered an indicator of the development of political and democratic life in many contemporary communities.

The social justice is linked with concepts of freedom and equality, a close link difficult to part between them both, and social justice is considered the basic basis in building the democratic communities, that guarantees a decent life, equal opportunities and achieves the human dignity for all categories of the society, when the social justice is achieved it is positively reflected on the political, social, economic, cultural and educational dimensions and else, and becomes an automatic result in achieving freedom and equality inside the state (Mohammad, 2017).

Legally compliance with the law will have a role in achieving the social justice and in achieving freedom and equality among all categories of the society, where law authority is the basis in applying the social justice among people, as all society members stand equal before law without looking to his race, gender, or his religion, rich or poor, responsible or irresponsible, all are equal before law: so basis of social justice is equality within rights and duties approved by laws, and legislations and the constitution of the state, but equality, there are differences among members of the society, he who is hard-working in his work, study, effort, skills and his knowledge (Mohammad et al, 2019), from here to activate the role of social justice in achieving freedom and equality has to work on the following:

Firstly: Opportunities equality: that requires the absence of discrimination among citizens because of race or origin, language or religion, and no marginalization, discrimination and deprivation (Al-Qayleh, 2022).

Secondly: Justice and poverty: inequality is the contradiction of social justice and lack of human capabilities, rights and freedoms (Diani, 2013).

Thirdly: Human rights: social justice and human rights connect to fulfill and satisfy his human needs, either they were economic, political, social, educational and cultural and else, where there connection between the role of social justice and achieving freedom and equality in keeping human rights by making safety, food, housing, health, work, security, health-care, education, culture, psychological and social needs available, that save relations among individuals and assist to spread values of solidarity, cooperation, need to achieve oneself and need to freedom and societal participation (Salameh, 2011).

Fourthly: Right to freedom of expressing:

Social justice enhances political anticipation in the democratic states, through freedom of expression and attaining information to achieve freedom and equality to all categories of the society, and not monopolizing information to a certain category of individuals, and freedom of expression and opinion about all domains is a right for all categories of the society, as for the development of media means, social communication, modern technicalities, and giving the right to the society members in freedom expression and opinion for all categories of the society, and enhancing the laws and legislations to protect freedoms and public interest to all categories of the society through enhancing the role of social justice to achieve freedom and equality for all (Kobba, 2022).

Fifthly: Principle of equality and non-discrimination:

Social justice is one of the basic pillars in the contemporary democratic regimes in achieving equality and freedom, and the state has to achieve freedom and equality to all categories of the society through adopting machineries, pillars and tools by submitting complaints, legal and effective judicial procedures and just to protect public freedoms and equality to all constituents of the society (Al-A'qayleh, 2022).

Sixthly: Freedom and equality:

There are many of the Western Democracies had depended inequality among members of the society for religious causes or social ones, some western scholars described them as: "a process against nature system: (Arnold, 1903), and we notice in some western and eastern communities the class discriminations play an effective role in all political and social domains of life, the economic, cultural and educational life, and some western and eastern communities assured the role of social justice in achieving freedom and equality among all categories of the society (Thaher, 1994), freedom and equality are considered from the contradictive, conflicting and hostile concepts in many of the Western and Eastern societies one conquers the other, that is because the interest of high classes requires that, regardless the consequences of social, political and economic instability at the end (Al-Btoosh, 2018).

The main question that is raised is, what is the role of social justice in achieving freedom and equality? There are several cause in disachieving that, we mention the most significant of them: fewness of the natural resources, non-distribution of natural resources and policy of the state in running the public policies inside the state, and the unstable economy, and spread of illiteracy, ignorance of technology, customs and traditions and extremism in all its forms, internal strife and civil wars, imperialism, wars, occupation and failure to implement legitimacy in the international system (A'zmi, 2009), the thing that causes not achieving freedom and equality among all categories of the society, and appearing internal and external challenges, leads to eliminate the social justice with all its dimensions, and returns achieving the concept of equality or the concept of inequality due to the nature of human communities, and these concepts link to the political, economic, social, cultural life and else, and in case of not achieving equality inside the human communities this leads to instability in all directions of life and affects the public and private sectors, institutions in the state, and overcoming the private interest on the public interest (Salem, 2021).

5. The Social Justice and Means of Achieving It:

It has to answer the two questions: the second and the third: how the social justice share in achieving freedom and equality? And what are the means of enhancing the role of social justice in achieving freedom and equality? The social justice has an effective in achieving freedom and equality, either it was negative or positive, as the social justice is considered an indicator of civilizing and developing the communities in all domains of the political, social, and economic life and else, and building institutions and sectors of the state and existence of harmony, coexistence and cohesion among components of the society to achieve its security, stability and development, and building a society aware of the significance of social justice role in achieving freedom and equality.

The social justice is considered the backbone of the political system and one of the most important basic and main pillars in developing it and its continuity, and it is considered a basic element of the society to achieve the sustainable development and the strategic objective of peoples, and contemporary political regimes work on making amendments and changes with all its political, social and economic sides for achieving freedom and justice through fulfilling demands, aspirations and hopes inside the society, and enhances participation in the political life, and works to strengthen and consolidate the relationship between all members of the society. Enhancing the role of social justice will not be possible without the existence of a civilized community and a true a political system, because there is an integrated and symbiotic relationship between the role of social justice and achieving freedom and equality within the political system and this is built on achieving freedom and equality among all categories of society (Abu Shariah, 2014).

From the most important contemporary political issues that face humanity in its development and progress along the historical stages are the ideas related with the social justice and freedom, equality and the relationship between them both, as social justice is considered from the most important pillars of any contemporary society, and to achieve freedom and quality have to enhance the role of the social justice until freedom and equality do not be lost and do not be achieved in the society of suppression, tyranny and class differences and else, but the social justice is one of the most important pillars of the political system, and it is the basis in achieving freedom and equality (Kobbah, 2022).

The principle of achieving social justice is based on the fact that each individual in the society has to know their role as a citizen who has rights and duties decided and guaranteed by laws and legislations enhanced by the constitution of the state, in the shadow of the social justice to achieve partnership among citizens in freedom and equality (Al-A'qaylah, 2022).

Role of the social justice is considered from the basic principles that members of the society seek to achieve freedom and equality inside them, and the social justice is represented in enhancing security and stability inside the state and society, through equivalent opportunities that achieve success and excellence among all members of the society, and achieve education for all within high measures, and fair distribution of resources, wealth, gains and basic services and establish a fair tax system to promote the social justice, especially imposing taxes on high income owners and richest people in the society with what achieves stability and balance among classes of the society, solidarity and mutual support among all members of the society. Institutions of the civil community and volunteers to serve the local community to achieve freedom and equality, legislations, laws, fair and balanced systems that achieve rights and duties among all members of the society without discrimination in race, religion, class, or ideology or gender and else (Sharajah, 2025).

The concept of social justice is one of the basic concepts in the political, economic, social and legal studies and else, and is considered from the old and modern concepts with international and regional and national since existence of man on earth until now, and there is connection between social justice, freedom and equality, where freedom is considered one of the main components of social justice, it is a right from the basic rights of man, they integrate each other, for members of the society are equal in rights, freedom and duties and no discrimination among them on the basis of gender, race, religion, colour or geographically location (Yahya, 2020).

But equality with its social meaning takes into account the differentiation in the social reality between the citizens, and differentiation between the educated and the illiterate, the worker, the unemployed, the sane and the incompetent. There are differences among members of the in exerted effort, skills, experience, scientific qualification, income of the individual, age, health and others. This certifies that social justice does not mean complete and absolute equality. (Lasheen, 2019), the social justice does not part from concepts of freedom and equality, being a basic merit for man, and has a significance in achieving all social, economic, and political rights that are assured by charters and international agreements and the World Declaration of Human Rights (Al-Qassas, 2009).

And to answer the third question, what are the means of enhancing the role of the social justice in achieving freedom and equality?. The role of social justice is that it organizes between the concept of freedom and equality; for it guarantees balance between both parties. From here, it is clear that social justice with its integrated and comprehensive concept, ensures a connective relationship with freedom and equality (Frawi, 2023). The social justice is as a basic foundation with a basic significance to the contemporary society in achieving fairness, cooperation and integration among components of the community, and that requires saving freedom and equality among members of the society in what related with equivalent opportunities, income, wealth, respect of human rights and participation in public policies- making, living conditions and wellbeing are considered an imperative necessity in the society to guarantee protection and economic security to members of the society. Means of achieving social justice are performed on several basic pillars, which are (Frawi, 2023):

1. Equivalence of work and education opportunities.
2. Social security, health-care, civil rights, citizenship and education, and else.
3. Making public-goods available to needing- families.
4. Protecting rights, freedom, political participation and enhancing the democratic culture.
5. Fair distribution of resources, basic-goods prices, local energy services cost.
6. Fighting corruption to enhance trust between the political authority and all categories of the society.

Those pillars are the basis upon which ideas of social justice are performed, that share in developing health society correctly, and achieve well-being for citizens.

Unemployment and spread of poverty, hunger, decrease of individual income, unavailability of social safety-nets lead to social and political dissatisfaction, the thing that threatens the role of social justice in achieving freedom and equality, and causes the political, economic and social instability, so implementing social justice shares in achieving stability, political, social, and economic safety to the society and state (Polmashrah, 2017), there upon, it has to enhance the role of social justice to achieve freedom and equality.

6. Conclusion:

It looks at the role of social justice as a vital element in achieving freedom and equality within civilized contemporary societies for developing the political life. This study came to answer the provided questions, and it resulted in important results and acquired several recommendations, which we mention as follows:

6.1 Results:

1. The social justice is considered the most important key to enhancing political stability in the states and democratic societies.
2. The social justice has an effective role in achieving freedom and equality and both of them are inseparable.

3. The social justice affects all domains of the political, social, culture and economic life, and has a role in achieving the political stability in all domains.
4. Absence of the social justice weakens political participation and affects the political stability inside the state, and affects achieving true democracy and engagement of all categories the society in the political life too.
5. Achieving freedom and equality requires the existence of civilized communities and true political regimes wishing to enhance the role of the social justice.
6. Enhancing the role of social justice in achieving freedom and equality requires acceptance and support of the political system from all categories of the society, and this assures the role of the political factions in legitimization of the political system.
7. Absence of the role of social justice inside the society and the state leads to the political instability in the political systems.
8. The social justice is the way to developing the human resources and sustainable development, and indicates the relationship between the governor and the governed and assures that all members of the society are equal in rights and duties, and preserves their self-independence, freedom and equality in all domains of life.

6.2 Recommendations:

1. All institutions and sectors of the state, especially the educational and media, with several means, the audible, read and written and social media, to work on awaring and educating the citizen with the significance of social justice and its role in achieving freedom and equality.
2. Spreading the cultural awareness among citizens on the significance of social justice and its role in achieving freedom and equality among all categories of the society.
3. Concern in the scientific research in the political science field to conduct studies and deep research about the role of social justice in achieving freedom and equality.
4. Guaranteeing the undependence of control corporations and associations of fairness, transparency and judicial authority to enhance the role of social justice in achieving freedom and equality for all categories of the society.
5. Full adherence to civil, political, economic, environmental, social, educational and cultural rights as a comprehensive integrated system to achieve an effective role for social justice in achieving equality and freedom for all domains of life.

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