

*The political participation of the Jordanian Universities the :
filed research of the Political Science students at the
University of Jordan and Applied Science University*

Abstract

The purpose of this study is to exam the political participation of the students in Jordan Universities, (government, and private) and the factors that influence their participation. This study will discuss the concept of political participation and the relationships between the social and political factors.

The study content of (404) students in the political science department at the University of Jordan and (170) students at the Applied Science University studying political science. The study had (268) students who answered the questionnaire representing all class levels of the students who were registered for the 1998-1999 school year. This sample from both universities and representing all school years used the random sample questionnaire prepared for that purpose with the content of (25) questions, using the Frequencies and Cui Square for the statistical analyses.

This study finds that there is no significant difference between government and private universities. The study shows that the political participation of the students were more inside the university than students outside, also the study indicates that there was no influence in their political participation based on economic factors. Also the curriculum of the political science training did not have much influence.

The findings showed that the students have little confidence in the political atmosphere in general. An important finding shows that there is a significant difference between male and female students in their political participation outside of the university. However, females do not have a student representative in the Student Union, even though they are more vocal in the university through different clubs. From the finding of the study there is a need to have a strategy to improve the political participation of the political science students through some suggestions.