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Abstract

The establishment of the structures of democratic transformation and its institutions will not be able to grow and flourish without the structure of a political culture that accommodates it and adapts to the new changes, and sometimes crises, generated by the process of transition towards democracy. Therefore, political culture is a necessary condition of the democratic transition and achievement, if not the most important at all.

If the problem of the relationship between political culture and democratic transformation is present in all political systems of all types and forms of development, they are especially important in countries that have experienced sudden changes in the different entrances to change, such as revolutions and military invasion. The challenge facing these countries As part of its quest to move towards democracy is how to get rid of the political culture inherited from the old regimes based on submission and tyranny and the establishment of a new political culture that frame the relationship between the citizen and power and promote democratic construction and consistency.

In Iraq, which launched the democratic transition process following the US invasion in 2003 after decades of tyranny, the legacy of the old political culture, which is a combination of a culture of submission and traditional culture, remains a barrier to transition. Not only that, Democratic (constitution – elections – parties ... etc) worked to devote the old political culture instead of working to get rid of the residues of that culture.

This reality, which is experienced by the Iraqi youth in general and the university in Karbala governorate in particular, has led to the destabilization of their values, due to the influence of a number of variables, the most important of which are the influence of political parties and forces, especially those related to the intellectual and cultural

influence that frame his point of view and his behavior towards everything related to power. . Hence, this study aims to shed light on the impact of political culture on democratic transition in Iraq after 2003 among a sample of university youth in Karbala governorate.