

Investigation of the Enforcement Guarantees of the Rights of the Nation in the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Iran

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1. Round 1

1.1. Reviewer 1

Reviewer:

The paragraph discussing Articles 22 to 48 of the Constitution (page 2) mentions “the rights of the nation were set out in Chapter Five....” It would be beneficial to clarify why Chapter Three later incorporates these rights and reconcile this historical sequencing for the reader.

In the discussion of Article 27 (page 2), the statement about “violent assemblies that disrupt the foundations of public security” would benefit from citation of empirical examples or case studies to substantiate these claims.

The section on Article 3 of the Constitution (page 2) lists multiple rights like housing, education, and employment. Consider organizing these into subcategories or a table to enhance clarity and readability for international audiences unfamiliar with Iranian law.

The Montesquieu discussion (page 6) describes the parallel powers preventing arbitrary actions. Adding comparative examples from other constitutional systems could strengthen the analytical framework and contextualize Iranian constitutional design.

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1.2. Reviewer 2

Reviewer:

The paragraph addressing enforcement guarantees (page 3) refers to terms such as “supervision over the implementation of the constitution” and “responsibility for implementing the constitution.” It would improve precision to define operationally how these guarantees are exercised within Iranian institutions.

The Technical Meaning of Right section (page 3) provides multiple definitions from Jafari Langroudi (2013) and Tavassoli (2006). It would be helpful to synthesize these into a concise operational definition to guide subsequent analysis.

The paragraph discussing the origin of rights (page 4) contrasts natural versus positive rights. Consider integrating comparative constitutional theory to strengthen the argument and demonstrate the relevance of this distinction for enforcement mechanisms.

The historical discussion of the Iranian Constitution (page 5) mentions the Assembly for the Final Review. Clarify the criteria used by the Assembly for inclusion of rights and explain how clerical dominance affected interpretation of enforcement guarantees.

The section “Today, various perspectives exist in this regard...” (page 5) asserts that certain factors are more constructive in preserving rights. Consider specifying these factors explicitly rather than generalizing, to improve analytical depth.

In the discussion on separation of powers and democracy (page 5–6), the sentence “Democracy also contains issues and subjects that, because they are linked to the idea of government by the people...” would benefit from referencing contemporary Iranian or international examples illustrating how separation of powers affects enforcement of rights.

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