

**POLITICAL SUPPORT MODEL AMONG WOMEN : A CASE STUDY
AT THE NORTHERN STATES IN MALAYSIA**



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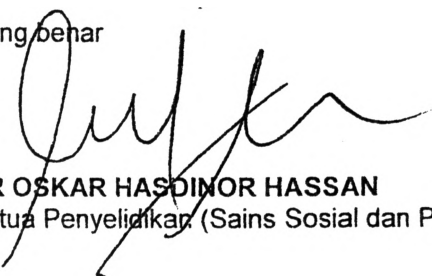
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Original Objectives as Proposed:

In general, this study will examine the political support of women in Northern States in Malaysia by identifying the five determinants (the political community, regime principles, regime performance, regime institutions and political actors). Specifically the objectives of this study are:

- a. To identify to what extent the political support of women in Northern States
- b. To examine the relationship amongst the regimes in measuring the democracy practice in Northern States towards women's political support.
- c. To generate standards for measuring political support of women in Northern States

Improved/Enhanced Objectives:

In general, this study will examine the women's political support in Northern States of Malaysia by using five determinants, i.e; the political community, regime principles, regime performance, regime institutions and political actors . Specifically the objectives of this study are:

- a. To examine what elements can influence political support among women in northern states of Malaysia.
- b. To come out with a model of women political support in Malaysia specifically in northern states of Malaysia.

5. Report

5.1 Proposed Executive Summary

The study of political support has traditionally been considered as central to the analysis of political processes and, especially, of democratic political systems. Even if citizens' participation in their self-government is the defining feature of democratic systems, there are several and differing understandings of which should be the real degree of citizens' involvement in government. Thus, there is no consensus around which is the most adequate level of citizen participation in the government of the polity for a good functioning of democracy.

Recent decades have witnessed growing demands for the inclusion and empowerment of women and minorities in elected office. Feminist theorists suggest that the presence of women leaders facilitates the articulation of different perspectives on political issues, where elected representatives are not just 'standing as' women but also 'acting for' women as a group. If so, then the under-representation of women in parliament may have important consequences for the public policy agenda and for the articulation of women's interests, as well as for the legitimacy of democratic bodies. Inclusiveness is widely regarded as one of the key values of democratic politics, so that all major social cleavages have a voice in the policy making process, whether the politically relevant groups are defined by gender, ethnicity, region, socio economic status, age, or education.

Women's membership in all political parties in Malaysia is also in the sidelines and not in the mainstream party. Women wings in political parties remain secondary to men despite them fulfilling crucial grass roots role during the campaigning period of each general election. While men in the party's youth wings can 'climb up' the party hierarchy into the mainstream party, women seems to be constrained within their respective wings perpetually playing a supportive and secondary role to their male counterparts. There still exists a significant gender gap or gender inequality both in Malaysia when one reviews all the areas of modern life. Even though women in Malaysia have achieved considerable progress in the two areas of basic human rights-education and health-they have not made much headway in terms of economic participation and political empowerment in their own society. Realizing the very importance of political support of women in Malaysia, it is crucial to scrutinize the women support in it's respective Northern States . Therefore, this study will particularly examine the womens' acceptance of the political system practice in Northern States in Malaysia.