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Abstract

This study tackles the role of religious institutions in countering intellectual extremism through a field study conducted in Nineveh Governorate. Nineveh is a region characterized by religious and cultural diversity which makes it a suitable environment for examining the dynamics of religious speech and its impact on shaping social awareness. The analytical social study is based on the collection of data, information, and facts related to the research problem, followed by their analysis and interpretation in order to reach more credible results. The study aims to identify the manifestations and causes of intellectual extremism from the perspectives of respondents and religious institutions in Nineveh Governorate, and to examine the nature of the role played by religious institutions in confronting this phenomenon as well. Furthermore, it intends to assess the effectiveness of their tools and mechanisms, and to evaluate the content of prevailing religious speech in terms of moderation or extremism and its impact on social groups. Besides, it endeavors to diagnose the challenges and obstacles that limit the ability of religious institutions to fulfill their role in Nineveh and to propose practical, applicable solutions and mechanisms to enhance the role of religious institutions in combating intellectual extremism in the governorate. The researcher adopted two methodological approaches in this study: the descriptive method and the social survey method in order to achieve the study's objectives. One of the most prominent data collection tools used was a questionnaire distributed to two samples from the community. The first was a random sample consisting of (284) male and female respondents residing in Nineveh. The second sample consisted of (100) religious figures from various components of society. In addition, structured interviews were conducted with a number of religious leaders in the governorate to deepen understanding and to identify the nature of the challenges facing religious work in this field. The significance of the study lies in its attempt to provide practical strategies for confronting and reducing intellectual extremism through analytical and field-based research. The findings indicate that religious institutions and religious leaders play an influential role in promoting a moderate speech, reinforcing the values of peaceful coexistence and disseminating a culture of peace across all the members of society. In addition, political and social stability highly contribute to the spread of security, peace, and mutual affection among all members of society.

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