

THE CULTURE OF VOLUNTARY WORK AMONG YOUTH IN SAUDI SOCIETY

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ABSTRACT_ *The study aimed to shed light on the concept of the culture of voluntary work through its motivation, fields and obstacles among Saudi youth. To achieve the study objectives, the researcher used deductive approaches and descriptive survey research.*

The findings of the study showed that the Saudi youth have moderate motivations towards voluntary work, and that the most important motives of voluntary work among young Saudis include: its increase for human ability to interact and communicate with others, and get a reward from God, and the individual feels self-satisfied as the work according to the teachings of God, and that The most important areas of voluntary work, which is interested by Saudi youth distributing donations, visiting the sick people and participating in charities. The main obstacles to voluntary work confronted by young Saudis were: weak role of educational institutions to enforcing the value of voluntary work, the lack of appreciation for the contribution of community volunteers, poor vision and goals of the organizations of voluntary work. The study also showed that there are significant differences between respondents on the Saudi youth motives for volunteering due to the gender, while variables of work and marital status have no significance.

The results of the study also showed that the gender has an impact on the fields of voluntary work from the point of view of respondents, while the marital status and work have no significance on the fields of voluntary work as perceived by respondents. In addition, the results of the study showed that there is no significance for gender, marital status, and work on obstacles of voluntary work point of view of respondents.

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