## Approach the Concept of Social Capital and Clarify its Importance

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## Abstract

This research is an attempt to approach the concept of social capital and clarify its importance, dimensions and prosperities.

The study concentrates mainly on the role of social capital in the process of enhancing different aspects of political and economic development.

Social capital contributes greatly in explaining the success and achievements of steady development.

At the economic level of development, social capital participates in the growth and increase of production.

At the social level of development, social capital contributes to the process of finding solutions for many social problems through cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and experience.

Politically speaking, social capital is considered the conjunction and relation that connects members of society with civil social foundations, especially with the dimension of trust.

Social capital is an important mechanism of collaboration between members of society dealing transparently with each other.

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