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Abstract

This research aimed to find out the democratic attitudes of students and their participation in politics at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. The study focused on the students' perceptions towards the country's political issues, the democratic attitudes and the impact of religious orientations on democratic attitudes of young students. The researcher used survey method in which questionnaires were distributed among the sample. The sample size was 225 which included the respondents from all the provinces and regions of Pakistan. The researcher used SPSS as the tool for data analysis and Chi-square and Phi-coefficient tests were applied to check the relations among the variables. The major findings show that young students do not have democratic attitudes. In the sample, 81 of the respondents agreed and 78 strongly agreed that Sharia law provide more justice than democratic laws. 58 respondents agreed and 52 strongly agreed that non - Muslims should not be allowed to be elected as Prime Minister. 40.9% of the responded agreed and 24.9% responded to some extent that military's involvement and engagement in the political affairs is justifiable. The study further shows that out of 225 respondents 88 of them participate and 129 do not participate in any political events of the country. The overall result show that young students neither have democratic attitudes nor participate in to political activities.