

# **THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF POLITICAL FUNCTION OF RELIGION: AN OVERVIEW**

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## **ABSTRACT**

This article clarifies some of the negative aspects of political function of religion as one of the social system's structures having some social functions including the political one. As mentioned in sociology, each social structure has its eufunctions and dysfunctions. Here, in the point of view of politics, the dysfunctions will be extracted by studying the previous works on religions and the writer's new evidences. So, this article tries to clarify some of these functions to answer the questions of; what are the negative political functions of religion? Can we regard Marxist view to the religion as a functionalist view? With respect to these questions from functionalism approach, and after defining religion and function from the view of some sociologists, the author tries to explain some of these functions such as the effect of religion on the conflicts and wars, segmentations and barriers of political changes.

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