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The Importance of State Capacity in the Fight Against Corruption

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Abstract

This study examines the importance of state capacity in the fight against corruption. Corruption is an important problem in the exercise of political power. For this reason, good governance requires the fight against corruption with more transparency in the relationship between the private sector and politicians/administrators, efficient and effective bureaucracy, clear legal frameworks, and strengthening institutions that implement independent power control. In other words, an effective fight against corruption and good governance requires a strong state capacity. State capacity is an important characteristic of statehood. In this context, the execution of the security function of a state -(monopoly) control of the means of violence and effective law enforcement- is a prerequisite for overcoming political and social problems. After all, a state is characterized as a strong state if it can ensure security throughout the country and take and implement political decisions, to turn public will into action. State capacity is very important for the effective implementation of public policies and the resolution of social problems and conflicts. From this point of view, there is a need for scientific studies on the meaning and importance of state capacity in addressing administrative and social problems such as corruption and in the effective, efficient, and coordinated implementation of public policies. And, this is the main purpose of this study.

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