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Youth Development as a Product of Social Development: A Sociological Study of Youth and Development in Iran

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ABSTRACT The paper explores the roots, causes and effects of youth development. Almost half of the world's population is under the age of twenty-five, and nearly 90% of these young people live in the Third World countries. The example of Iran has been chosen to reflect a picture of Youths in a small part of the developing world. They are affected by globalization, technologies, modern education, urban life and other such agents which we refer to as social development. Youths' status focuses on the ways in which changes in development theory and practice have influenced the increasing youth through social development. The present study used various theories to prove why the changes take place within these people. Constant and increasing cultural change within the youth contributing to challenges in various socio-economic forms, has led to new issues by these people and for these people. The paper explores some of the roots of such challenges. The inevitable changing lifestyle of the young people and the reciprocal impact of youth and social development as controversial problems are some of the objectives of the present sociological study.