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Relationship between Social Capital and Entrepreneurial Spirit among Students

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Abstract

The spread of unemployed university graduates in Iran indicates that the entrepreneurial spirit among students is facing serious challenges and if this situation continues, the unemployment problem will get much worse in the near future. Given that social factors are closely linked to the entrepreneurial spirit, the present study has attempted to examine the relationship between social capital and the entrepreneurial spirit of students. The method used is a survey method. The statistical population of the study is students of Yasouj University, 391 of whom were selected through multi-stage random sampling. The research tool for measuring entrepreneurial spirit is the entrepreneurial spirit questionnaire of Siadet et al. (2012), and the research tool for measuring social capital is the social capital questionnaire of Onix and Bullen (2000). Based on the descriptive findings of the study, the entrepreneurial spirit of students is at an average level. Based on the analytical findings of the study, there is a positive and significant relationship between social capital and entrepreneurial spirit. In addition, none of the demographic variables show a significant relationship with entrepreneurial spirit. The conclusion of the present study is that by increasing social capital, the spirit of entrepreneurship can be promoted among students and, in this way, help solve one of the country's important social issues, namely graduate unemployment.

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