

Representation of the Concept of Freedom in the Constitutional Press (1332-1327 AH)

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The Constitutional Revolution not only brought about changes in political structures, but also brought with it broad concepts and terms about politics, society and personal and social rights into the political, legal and social literature of the country. The concept of freedom is one of the concepts that were considered by the press during the Constitutional Revolution, and the authors of the press presented a variety of definitions of this concept while expounded and represented it. This research, by analyzing the content of the definitions of the concept of freedom in the constitutional press, will show that the press writers of this period failed to find a dynamic approach to the concept that would lead to a new definition, while intellectuals before the Constitutional Revolution had found out new and innovative approach to freedom as an internal – external issue (Psychological- Sociological) and has thus been able to match it with Iranian society. In other words the press writers of the constitutional era imitated and used the predecessors' ideas.

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