THE ADVANCEMENT OF U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY IN PROMOTING ITS HEGEMONY AND THE USE OF ASIAN VALUES RHETORIC IN PROTECTING THE ASIAN REGIMES

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ABSTRACT

Research on human rights falls within two camps: the first holds the view that human rights issues can be very problematic while the other is more optimistic that there is a solution pertaining to the issues. The paper tries to present information on different views within these two camps and highlights the possible meeting point to solve the problem. The purpose of this study was to analyse the role of U.S. human rights policy in maintaining its hegemony in which and at the same time poses grave challenge to Asian regimes' stability. The research was a 'secondary research' where information was gathered through various books and printed materials that discussed the issues. Both camps, the Westerners and the Asians have their own arguments and were having difficulties to come to the term. Findings of the studies suggested that the U.S. human rights policy is used by the American administration as a political rhetoric. On the other hand the policy poses a grave threat to the establishment and stability of the Asian regimes. Results revealed that both parties try to protect each other's interests, the U.S. government via its human rights policy and the Asian regimes via their Asian Values. Both parties need to reconcile their differences in terms of interpretations and work things out for the good of humanity.
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