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This research aimed at studying the relationships between the political personalities and the participation in politics of the sub-inspectors working for the Central Immigration Division. It investigates what their political personalities are like, whether the ways they have been brought up influence their political personalities, and how. This study also explores the differences in the political participation of sub-inspectors with different political personalities, knowledge, interest, and involvement in different kinds of organization.

The findings are as follows:

1. The sub-inspectors' political personalities are significantly related to the ways they have been brought up (with statistical significance at .01)
2. The sub-inspectors' political personalities are more democratic than authoritative.
3. There is no significant differences in political participation between the sub-inspectors with democratic personalities and those with authoritative personalities. (with statistical significance at .05).
4. There is a significant difference between the sub-inspectors who show great interest and knowledge in politics and those who have low interest and limited knowledge as far as their political participation is concerned. The difference is significant at .01.
5. Their participation in politics is significantly related to their involvement in different organization (with statistical significance at .01).

In this study, the researcher has proposed means to improve, correct and enhance the sub-inspectors' political personalities as well as their political participation in order to increase their efficiency. This will provide beneficent results to our political development according to democratic system as a whole.