The Phenomenon of Corruption in Public Administration

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ABSTRACT

The phenomenon of corruption has more or less taken place in all periods of history in human life. Bribery, which is the most concrete version of corruption, is being increasingly debated in human society. Before nations were born, corruption took place in people’s personal affairs, mostly in trading. After the birth of world nations, corruption has widened its dimensions and developed in the purpose of using the power of public authorities; which then later become a fact, which affected the relations between the government and the public. It has now become an important issue within the system of relations in public administration.

The term “good governance” is an important factor in the fight against corruption and has been voiced often in recent years by international organizations. According to The World Bank, which use this term very often, state that “good governance” is epitomized by predictable, open, and enlightened policy making (that is, transparent processes); a bureaucracy imbued with a professional ethos; an executive arm of government accountable for its actions; and a strong civil society participating in public affairs; and all behaving under the rule of law.

This study aims to reveal the fundamentals of corruption, which have huge effects in current public administration systems, and display the efforts of certain organizations and the distance that they have come in the fight against corruption and finally discuss what can be done in the current public administration system and contribute to the public administration relations discipline.

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