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# The Future of Iraq Project (A)

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# *Introduction*

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This project investigates the process of independence in lenses of economy, and politics. It examines the political and economic situation of this region. The argument is about the Kurdish independence and role of economic and political development in that aspect. The argument is shaped by the theory of state building, and also the three levels of analysis by ...., to examine the readiness of Kurdistan region for independence in levels of individual, states, and the world system. It contains five chapters. The problem under the study is to show that Kurdistan Region is a largest stateless nation in the world.

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The importance of this subject: it examines the political and economic situation of Kurdistan Region, with mentioning the role of neighboring countries, geographical location of KR, and internal conflicts. also linking these issues to the external factors, such as failing Kurdish authority in persuading other states to really support Kurdish independence.

# *Literature Review*

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Independence is a complex process, it requires many efforts and prearrangement, for this reason the literature Review in this project review the previous scholarly studies about this matter. for example Ted Galen, in his book *Staying Alive*, compares the stateless nations, like Taiwan, and Somalia. that are been blocked by the controlled dependent countries like China, and Africa. *The Future of Iraqi Kurds* by Soner Cagaptay.. studies the economic situation of KR, in their point of view, depending on the %17 Iraqi budget won't let Kurdish to get economic independence, however there are many developments can be seen in this region.

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One of the other books is by professor Ofra Bengio *The Kurds of Iraq Building a State within a State*. refers to the evolution of Kurdish identity within Iraq, after the discovery of natural resources.

*Kurdistan Question in Perspective* by Michael Gunter also one of the Articles, which argues the changes happened after the fall of Baath Regime in 2003.

# *Argument*

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In this project i argue that the process independence of Kurdistan Region has a direct relation with political and economic developments, which are basic requirements for independence.

It examines the economic developments that happened in this region after 2003, also the political situation.

Independent Variable:

- Kurdistan Independence

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Dependent Variable(s):

1. Economic Situation of Kurdistan Region
2. Political Situation of Kurdistan Region



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## *Analysis*

Economic Situation of Kurdistan Region:

Generally Iraq is depending on Oil Revenue, since 1920s, the Iraqi Regime used most of the Oil revenue to Militarize Iraqi Army, and using it, and using it against Kurds in the most brutal way, especially in the end of 1980s. process of Anfal, Bombing Halabja by Chemical Weapons are examples for that.