

## LEVELS OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

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### Abstract

This study examines the levels of environmental concern in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). Environmental concern studies in the Middle East are either being overlooked by major global environmental studies or focused on only by small interest groups regarding certain targeted issues like water, pollution or recycling. To contribute to environmental sociology literature, this study utilizes a national sample of around 2,000 respondents from the country's seven emirates. Respondents were contacted and they completed and returned to research assistants a general environmental concern structured survey. The researcher adopted and slightly modified a survey, translating it into Arabic, to suit the research population. The model survey was taken from 'Revised New Ecological Paradigm' scale (NEP) by Dunlap et al., 2000. To achieve the objectives of the study, descriptive and inferential statistical analysis were used. Preliminary findings indicate relatively high to high levels of pro-environmental concern in the UAE. In particular, respondents agreed with 11 out of 15 statements indicating pro-environmental concern.

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