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Citizens Participation and Empowerment in Solving the Urban Problems

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Abstract

Empowerment of citizens defined as providing chances and experience which allowed active involvements of participation in decisions making and programing. However, lacking an accepted program which could involve active collaboration of all citizens is feeling. Wide definition from the citizens' cooperation is the most critical problem. Collaboration of citizen without knowledge and experience is impossible. The second major discussion of programmers and specialist in decision making in order to involve citizen association is the concern which they have about future exception of citizen involving in other matters and problems. It seems that citizen cooperation could provide programs stability and expand social justice in city local and could empower citizens, however previous information about such cooperation is rare. The third and the most important discussion are finding a way which through designer and programmer could be able to use the capacity of citizens. Put this together, without association of citizen of local in different cities, a complete and powerful controlling of city and providing a useful program is not possible. Still, most of researchers are doubtful about aforementioned cooperation's consequences and believe that this may be dangerous as the specialists are not sure weather in long term such cooperation could help. Experts are worry that if the situation change or mistakes happen this could cause problem for citizen who is involved. Base on previous experiences, attitude, belief and ordinary behavior among the expert, they believe in level of power as their right and maybe they are not willing to share their power with citizen. Therefore, continuing such cooperation and using from its numerous advantages will be impossible.

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