

## **ELECTIONS, AS THE HEART OF THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND THE POWER OF WOMEN IN DECISION MAKING DURING THE TRANSITION PROCESS IN ALBANIA**

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### **ABSTRACT**

Elections are often regarded as the heart of the political process. They are seen as nothing less, as democracy in practice. Elections are a means by which citizens can control their government. We itself may not be a sufficient condition for political representation, but there is no doubt that they are a necessary condition. Indeed, some thinkers have gone further and have described the election as the spirit of democracy itself. Thus, the functions of elections are very important because they may include: recruitment of politicians, providing representation, forming the government, voter education, the impact on policy, building legitimacy as required, strengthening the elites etc. So see you through the process of elections can be formed government, which has the power of decision. Yes mate, being excluded from the political process in the history of mankind, has described a long road, difficult, with obstacles like the masculine, but also within a species, the more painful it is to be accepted by us. If we see that in the XXI century, there are some very mighty women like Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany, and many others, but in our country, women have not had the privilege to powerfully. Anyway, have made many achievements, as Mrs. Topalli which has been in the position of the Speaker of Parliament in Albania and simultaneously Sub / Chairwoman of the Democratic Party of Albania, and if we see the President of Kosovo Mrs. Jahjaga. Women are a very large force, which have a high capacity and intelligence. They can cope with any situation, at any time and place. Now they are showing than valid because now actually being given this opportunity. Albania has women that had shows its capacity, even during the decades that have passed the last major challenges. Now women are part of the decision making process and it seems clear even in their role as members or senior positions and Albanian institutions. However there are many roads to become..!

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