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ABSTRACT

Communication technologies have become an inseparable part of daily life advancing expeditious especially after the last quarter of the 20th century. In consequence of development and spreading widely of computer networks and technologies, boundaries of time and place have been highly compelled and communication of people with each other has become easier going beyond the global dimension. Technological development and its triggered transformation continue with a dizzying speed and cause a change on many issues. State is one of them. “E-government” is an expression of the new government concept which has been caused by the increasing requirements in time and will stand by means of information and communication technologies. “Citizenship” concept, with a new interest, has been addressed in a manner questioning its basic assumptions particularly since the late 1980s. Arguments have increased on the reconstruction of what of a citizenship, civic rights and responsibilities. Survival of institutions, from now on, is seemed possible by having a citizen-oriented management comprehension in this globalization and information society era in which technological progress accelerates, knowledge spreads rapidly and all systems are forced for transformation. Changes in technology are effective in economic, political, social and cultural areas and also cause new processes of change. Both “citizenship” and the “state” are affected by this situation. It is a sociological necessity that e-government projects and practices are also worked and examined in such a process. With this field study-based work, it is aimed to search how e-government practices are perceived by citizens and in what way state-citizen relationship are affected. E-government and citizenship relation have been examined sociologically in Aydın city center.

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