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ABSTRACT

Although women's two hundred years old struggle to gain equality with men resulted in obtaining electoral rights in political area, it was not possible to change the masculine structure of the politics. Since the patriarchal way of thinking which approves the politics as 'men's area' was still dominated, expected and positive results were not reached.

This work is based on the idea that it is necessary to research the case of women's branches within the political parties and the viewpoints of women who work in these structures in order to understand women's position in political participation in Turkey. Therefore, the main aim of this research is to explore the objectives, activities and efficiency of women's branches which are thought as a means of political participation for women. In addition, the viewpoints of women working in these branches towards women's problems, political participation of women and the representation of women in politics will be researched. Finally, one of the aims of this research is to investigate the relationship between the parties' women policies (if there is) and the objectives and the activities of women branches of these parties.

KEYWORDS

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