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Elements of Public Economics in Reducing Public Consciousness / Kamusal Bilincin Azalmasında Kamu Ekonomisi Unsurları

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ABSTRACT

Public consciousness reflects the level of affectability and changeability of citizens', where acts and processes concerning public are discussed or decided. Formation of this consciousness, the public resources that shape the country's economy and the decisions concerning them represents the precondition for the public area to be understood more easily by opening up more functional structures for the implementation of the policies being implemented. The development of the public consciousness is quiet important about recognizing the problems on society level, creating solutions and the formation of selfawareness. Increases in awareness will create a positive impact on the citizens' - who are the subjects of the public sphere – knowledge, attitude and behavior. Thus while awareness level of citizens' increases also their motives and participation about social processes shall increase. In this context, citizens' awareness of being the ultimate owners of public resources while participation in the process of shaping public opinion is significantly related to the level of public consciousness. Public economics on the other hand represents the area where public needs transformed into public decisions in the political decision making process. Therefore the public economy has an impact on the formation and development process of public consciousness.

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