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A Study of Islamic studies Students' and Professors' Viewpoints Regarding the State of Higher Education in the Corona Era

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Abstract

Introductoin: This research aims to study students' and professors' viewpoints of Islamic studies regarding the state of higher education in the era of Corona.

Method: The current research was conducted with a survey method based on a descriptive-analytical technique. The sample size of 354 professors and 384 students was selected using Cochran's formula and a random sampling method was carried out to select the sample from the statistical population of professors and students of Islamic studies courses in national universities. Data analysis was done using Spss22 software.

Results: Research findings based on data analysis include; 1) The opinions of professors and students are positive towards the online education method and they prefer virtual education for education in the coming semesters. 2) The difficulty of interaction between professors and students is the main problem of virtual education in the corona era based on the professors' point of view, also the students consider the interruption of the internet as their main problem in the corona era. 3) Students' evaluation of the courses held by the Supreme Leader's representative body is positive, although it is worth considering that based on the professors' point of view, the courses held by the Supreme Leader's representative body were not evaluated positively. 4) There is a relationship between the type of university and the method chosen for teaching by the professors of the Islamic Education Department.

Discussion and Conclusion: Due to the fact that we are entering the new peaks of the coronavirus with a high number of infected people, the findings of the research can be used to determine the practical strategies for teaching Islamic education courses in the coming semesters of the corona era and similar conditions in the corona era in the future.

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