
Voting is not an Islaamic system

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In the name of Allaah, the Most Merciful, the Bestower of Mercy

Questioner: O noble Shaykh, may Allaah give you success. Is it permissible to participate in elections and voting that are based upon democracy and man-made laws?

Shaykh Saalih al-Fawzaan (حفظه الله)¹: This is not from the actions of the Muslims. The action of the Muslims is for the scholars firm in knowledge to give the pledge of alliance to the one who is suitable to be the leader and by this he becomes the leader. And the people follow their decision; the people follow the decision of the scholars who are firm in knowledge, from the scholars and judges. It is not a must that everyone has a vote. This is the system of the west not the system of Islaam.

¹ (حفظه الله) May Allaah the Most High preserve him