Abstract

Our aim with this piece of work has been to achieve two main goals: in the first place, to obtain a thorough comprehension of the network of resources, instruments and policies that for a given period of time have guided the action taken in favor of the depressed regions, and more precisely Extremadura. In specific terms, an attempt has been made to analyse the regional policies applied in the region and to evaluate their impact, and for this we have resorted to an appraisal of the incidence of the development model that regional institutions choose. On the other hand, we wanted to make a critical evaluation of the dominant development model, understanding this to be the one that, vis-à-vis other possibilities, is imposed on political and administrative decisionmaking processes. These objectives could not be achieved without examining the social structure in Extremadura and establishing the bases on which the present system of domination rests.

Keywords

Regional Inequality, Regional Policy, Development Models, Extremadura, Political Dependence.