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Strategic Group Analysis: Theory and Methodology

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. Social and Political Complexity
- 1.2. The Dilemma of Macro Theories

2. Strategic Group Theory

- 2.1. Defining strategic groups
- 2.2. Social Differentiation and Strategic Group Formation.
- 2.3. Strategic Group Formation
- 2.4. Networks or compliance?
- 2.5. Modes of Appropriation and Sequential Pattern Analysis

3. PRA Methods of Strategic Group Analysis (SGA)

- 3.1. Identification of Strategic Groups through PRA
- 3.2. The power of numbers (democracy or “the more the better” principle)
- 3.3. Conclusions

Task

1. Define major strategic groups in your country or your province/district.
2. Rank them in terms of their respective power to secure resources.
3. Define their main sources of appropriation.
4. Describe coalitions, competition, conflicts.

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