

MARXISM

MODERNIZATION

PRIMORDIALIST (i.e. Horowitz, Geertz)

INSTRUMENTALIST (i.e. Bates, Posner, Wilkinson)

SOCIAL CONSTRUCTIVISM (i.e. Nagel)

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Nationality is the momentary container of the class struggle but nation and state will disappear with the proletarian revolution. "Ethnicity" comes from traditional societies and it survives often as mask of class relationships

From old traditional tribal society

Weber: "Subjective belief in common descent...whether or not an objective blood relationship exists"; groups differentiated by color, language and religion: tribes, races, languages, nationalities and castes (Horowitz)

-groups which have been formed rationally as the most efficient means to secure benefits created by modernization (Bates)
"The ties that bind ...are often material interests, and not traditional obligations"(Bates)

-political construction of ethnicity (i.e. Nagel) → ethnic groups exists before but the political process increases the level of mobilization and/or determines the boundaries

What is at the origin of ethnic conflict?

Tribal/traditional societies type of conflict

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The differences between these groups. The modality depends on the different structure of the groups in the society: ranked vs unranked, central vs peripheral(Horowitz) . Conflict over non-material issues, conflict also when it is irrational and economically disadvantageous (Geertz)

What is at the origin of ethnic mobilization (or conflict at the extreme)?

- Competition for scarce resources (Bates)
- Lack of electoral incentives to protect one minority (Wilkinson)→insecurity of that minority and unequal distribution of wealth
- role of ethnic entrepreneurs: convenient to mobilize along ethnic lines → extreme mobilization by political movement triggered by other possible causes, such as economic crisis, security threats
- Size of ethnic group (Posner)→ potential political power

How can you solve ethnic conflict?

It will disappear by itself with modernization

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Hard to solve. Challenge for democratic politics.

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Institutional remedies could prevent and change the strategic calculation of the politicians

As political and social context can mobilize , they can also discourage the mobilization along ethnic lines.

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Class is the real drive