

# Middle East Politics

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**I. INTRODUCTION**

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**II. GROUP STRUCTURE**

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**IV. CONCLUSION**

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

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**A. Significance**

**B. Types of Stratification**

**1. Horizontal Stratification**

**2. Vertical Stratification**

**C. Definitions**

**1. Formal Groups**

**a. Associational Groups**

**b. Institutional Groups**

**2. Informal Groups**

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## **II. GROUP STRUCTURE: Vertical**

- A. Group Patterns in the Middle East**
- B. Reasons for Significance of Informal Groups**
- C. Politics of Informal Groups**
- D. Family**
- E. Power of Women**

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## **II. GROUP STRUCTURE**

### **A. Group Patterns in the Middle East**

#### **1. Formal vs. Informal Groups**

#### **2. Associational vs. Institutional Groups**

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## **II. GROUP STRUCTURE**

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### **B. Reasons for Significance of Informal Groups**

- 1. Absent Formal Groups Conditions**
- 2. Mid East Groups Size & Trust**
- 3. Small Groups Attain Goals**
- 4. In Small Groups, Individuals Make a Difference**
- 5. Nobility of Manner, Small Groups Defend the Public**

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## **II. GROUP STRUCTURE**

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### **C. Politics of Informal Groups**

**1. Known as, Clique or Faction**

**2. Examples:**

**a. Saudi = Bashka**

**b. Kuwait = Diwaniyya**

**c. Iran = Dawrah**

**3. Important Characteristics:**

**a. The Spirit of Personalism  
(Vasetah)**

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## **II. GROUP STRUCTURE**

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### **D. Family**

- 1. Significance: Kinship is hard to destroy**
- 2. Nuclear vs. Extended Family**
- 3. Examples: Marei, Egypt; Saudi vs Pahlavi**
- 4. Three Ways to Magnify Kinship Ties**
  - a. Communicating with blood relatives**
  - b. Using a broad definition of kinship**
  - c. Expanding ties via marriage**



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## **II. GROUP STRUCTURE**

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### **E. Power of Women**

#### **1. Stereotypes**

#### **2. Actual Historical cases**

**a. Prophet & Khadijeh, A'isha, Fatimeh**

**b. Abbasid: Zubayda vs. Barmecids 9<sup>th</sup> C**

**c. Ottoman & Persian Empires**

**d. Contemporary Leaders & Women**

#### **3. No Legal Equality, but Econ & Pol powers**

#### **4. General Observations**

**a. Have more power than is known**

**b. Power via men**

**c. Movement toward equality in Mid East**

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## **III. CLASS STRUCTURE: Horizontal**

**A. Class & Power**

**B. Western vs. Eastern Model**

**C. Political & Economic Classes**

**D. Old & New Classes**

## **IV. CONCLUDING REMARKS**