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Q1(b)

Pluralist theory of State.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · PSIR GS 1 · 10 marks · Theories of the State

Theories of the State: Liberal, Neo-liberal, Marxist, Pluralist, Post-colonial and feminist.

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Polyarchy

Dahl's term for a regime of inclusive contestation: elections, opposition, and associational freedom without claiming perfect popular self-rule.

Who Governs?

Dahl's New Haven study found different elites on different issues rather than one unified power elite.

Non-decision

Bachrach and Baratz argued that power also keeps some demands from becoming public issues at all.

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