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Q6(b)

Explain how political parties and pressure groups are dialectically related to each other in terms of achieving their goals

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 marks · Politics and Society

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Interest articulation

Almond: the process by which groups state demands to the political system.

Michels

Iron law of oligarchy: organisation, including parties and unions, tends toward minority control.

Weber on party

Party as organised power-seeking, a third order beside class and status.

Civil society

Gramsci: the field of associations where consent is organised, including both parties' fronts and independent groups.

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