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Political institutions are primarily concerned with division of power in the society. " – T. B. Bottomore

Introduction

- Sociological study of politics life
- Role of social groups in political activities
- To understand the mechanism of politics specially politics of power
- Implication of power relations on various social organizations
- To study political behaviour for example:
 - Leadership,
 - Political ideology,
 - Social movements to understand the collective behaviour
- Some of the theories involved in sociology and polity
- Power elite theory
- Ideal type of bureaucracy
- Marx's notion of communism and socialism

Sociological Relevance

To understand:

- Consequences of power distribution
- Political and social conflicts
- Allocation of power
- Struggle between different Nation and States
- Participation of individuals in politics

Theories Related to Political Power

- Consensus theory or structural functional approach to study political institutions
- Based on cooperation and stability
- Political institutions have values
- Political system decides which value must be upheld or limited to maintain social order

Conflict Approach

- It is the opposite of consensus theory
- It considers conflict as central to political life
- It believes that society is based upon peoples' need for resources
- Some groups get more than the others
- The group with larger share has more power
- The wealth and power by such groups control mass media, resources, political leaders and economic interests
- In short this theory believes that political systems are run by elites to give shape to the values of society

Three Types of Political Systems

According to Edward Shills:

- The totalitarian system -
 - State controls and regulates
 - Extreme form of authoritarianism government
 - Dictates the societies values, norms, rules, ideology
 - Centralized authority ruled by one political party or a powerful political ruling class or elite
- The oligarchic system –
 - Oligarchic system ruled by a few self-regulating elite
 - Small group of elites hold power over large society
- The Democratic system-
 - Accepted boundaries of norms and rules are set
 - Within which individuals can act
 - They have various rights
 - People govern themselves

- It is an imagination of the replica of an equalitarian society

Functions of Political System

According to Almond and Coleman:

Input and output functions

- To maintain integration of society by determining norms
- To adapt to and change elements of socio-economic and religious systems
- To achieve collective political goals
- To protect the political system from outside threats

MCQs

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