

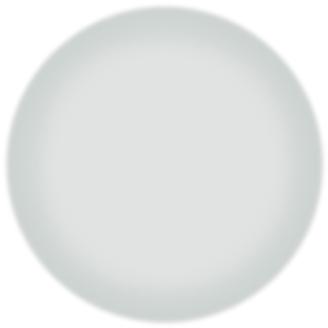




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## STRENGTH OF SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Social institutions can be judged as hard or soft depending on the amount of power they wield relative to other institutions.

• For instance, politics is a more powerful institution than family or religion in the U.S., while religion is as powerful as politics in a theocracy like Iran.

