**Internal Faction Definitions**

SSMB - small\_medium\_business\_owners

"Small and medium-sized businesses are the backbone of most economies. When cooperating to exert political influence, they are a force to be reckoned with. "

FRM - farmers

"In most poor countries, the farmers and their families are by far the largest group in the nation. Though holding no power individually, as a collective their needs and demands need to be considered carefully if stability is to be preserved. "

LNO - landowners

"Rich landowners represent a powerful few who own the vast majority of agricultural land in a country. Exploiting their position for government subsidies and support, they hold a strong influence over the bureaucracy in opposition to land reform, thus ensuring the continuation of the status quo. "

MAR - maritime\_industry

"In nations traditionally reliant on the sea for subsistence, the shipbuilding, fishing, aquaculture, and offshore drilling industries often represent the cornerstones of a nation's economy and thus have influence in its domestic politics. “

INB - international\_bankers

"When the big banks the financial industries manage to integrate themselves into the everyday lives of a nation's citizenry, they become essential to economic growth and stability. Wielding their influence over the populace, the multinational industries establish significant political power over government policy and regulation.”

IND - industrial\_conglomerates

"Huge companies, whether they be private, or government owned, can have very large bargaining power over the politics, policy, and regulations of a nation. “

FFI - Fossil\_fuel\_industry #basically oil companies

"When the resource extraction industries in a nation are very large, their sheer size and profitability can exert enormous influence over both domestic and foreign policy. “

OLI - oligarchs

"Oligarchs are a few, powerful buisness entrenpeneurs that have amassed control over almost all of a nation's industries. They maintain very close ties with the political establishment, allowing them to maintain their wealth and to dictate policies in their interests.”

MIL - the\_military

"Throughout history, the military has been extremely influential in the politics of many nations. When generals and admirals find themselves in positions of civilian leadership, they give the military unprecedented control over the country. “

LAU - labour\_unions

#Influence Groups

"When highly organized, active, and influential in politics, labor unions representing the workers will impact a country's domestic politics to the dismay of business owners and industrial conglomerates.”

COM - communist\_cadres #for nations with a ruling communist party

"The mid and low-ranked Communist Party leadership forms an administrative bureaucratic elite that wields large influence over the implementation of government policies. “

CLR - The\_Clergy #for christian nations, including orthodox

"The Christian clergy can hold a powerful sway over the internal affairs of nations that posses a large number of devoted followers. Government leaders would be wise to heed the advice of its members. “

PRE - the\_priesthood #for eastern religions

"The monks and religious leadership can have significant influence over a nation's domestic policy. While some may see it as a form of theocracy, others see it as a guiding voice and inspiration for government programs. "

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ULE - The\_Ulema

"The Islamic clergy often amass significant support within a country's leadership circles where their religion is widely practiced. They will use their influence to shape government programs in a manner befitting religious dogma. "

FJI - foreign\_jihadis #for ISIS etc

"With high ideological motivation, foreign jihadists from across the world gather to fight in the name of Wahhabi Islam. While making invaluable contributions and sacrifices, their desires and behavior frequently clash with those of local fighters and the civilian population. “

EXF - saudi\_royal\_family #for gulf arab monarchies

"The Gulf Monarchies all have royal families with thousands of members enjoying huge financial benefits. With the different clans expecting to receive powerful positions and influence over the strategic decisions of government, this nation's politics are largely out of the hands of ordinary citizens. “

WUL - wahabi\_ulema #for countries with wahabi/salafist clergy as main type of Islam

"Fundamentalist Wahhabi clerics often gain significant support for their beliefs in countries that follow Salafism, an ultraconservative reform movement within Sunni Islam. Harsh and intolerant, they will be very resistant to social reforms and determined to spread their doctrine abroad. “

IQF - iranian\_quds\_force #for countries other than Iran where they are influential

"The Iranian Quds (Jerusalem) Force is an elite special force that is part of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC). It is very active in training militias, advising generals and politicians, providing intelligence, liquidating opponents, and projecting Iranian influence over a nation. "

Country specific

ISI - isi\_pakistan #special for Pakistan

CHA - chaebols #special for south Korea

DON - the\_donju #same for North Korea

WAL - wall\_street #Special for USA

BAZ - the\_bazaar #same for Iran

VEVAK #special for Iran

IRGC - IRGC #Iran only