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structures pre-colonial: focus so far has been on state centralization. Impacts on NTL are specific to societies with age “sets”/grades. One consequence of age sets societies is that there is a cohort of young men who counterbalance elders and also counterbalance centralization. Beneficial effects of centralization only present for societies with age sets.

Segmentary lineage societies (clan/family structure) as another way to counterbalance this (but also have higher conflict)

Impacts of colonial rule

Historian Carolyn Elkins (sp?)