

Figure 2.8
Size and Income Level of Groups

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from media reports) than would similar groups in countries with less income.

We next characterize groups by type, as illustrated in Figure 2.9. The influence of size, while significant, is not as dominant as in the last chart. Very large groups are likely to be of the left-wing or nationalist type. Medium-sized groups, by contrast, are more apt to be religious. Otherwise, the differences are modest.

Size is more clearly correlated with goals. Figure 2.10 shows that roughly half of the very large groups seek regime change. Conversely, although almost 30 percent of the small groups seek only policy change, fewer than 10 percent of groups with more than 100 members want something so limited. Apart from these two goals, the correlation between size and goals is relatively weak.

Size, however, is a significant determinant of a group's fate. Figure 2.11 indicates that big groups have been victorious more than 25 percent of the time, while victory is rare when a group is smaller than