

Group Discussion Questions: Edwards and McCarthy (2004)

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1. Other than the studied California farmworkers, what is an example of another economically marginalized group that achieved success?
2. How could economically marginalized groups become more successful in mobilizing for collective action? What must an underprivileged group with few resources do in order to generate new resources?
3. Even though the immediate resources for a group might be different, why is there such a difference between economically privileged groups compared to underprivileged groups?
4. How do Edwards and McCarthy try to measure or determine a social movements probability for success? Why does this impact a group's ability to mobilize for collective action?
5. Other than money, what types of resources are desirable for a social movement to acquire? How and why would those resources be beneficial?