

King(s) of the GONGOs? A text analysis of reports from the UNHRC Universal Periodic Review

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What are GONGOs?

- Government-organized non-governmental organization (GONGO)
- An organization sponsored/formed by a govt with the purpose of supporting its own domestic/international political interests

Why are GONGOs problematic?

- Presence of GONGOs can portray societies as open and democratic (perhaps despite being otherwise)
- Consume resources in terms of govt financial support, and, in general, gathering funds from other sources (relative to other NGOs)
- Crowd out NGOs and detracting from the “main issues”
- For example: At the ACSC conference in 2015, in Malaysia, funding distribution from member countries meant no independent stakeholders attended

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