**Political Affinity and Political Influences**

Exogamy- Is also referred to as the out marriage. It is the customary joining of people from two different groups. In cultures that allow this, some dictate from where one must marry, while in some, exogamy is restricted. The restrictions vary across but range from being killed to being disapproved of the community. It is defined through kingship as opposed to other types of marriages.

Acculturation- it involves the changing of artifacts, beliefs, or customs between two cultures or more cultures. There exist two types of Acculturation; directed change and incorporation. The difference applies in the technique used in the exchange process and contract engaged in by both cultures.

State- It is a political institution of society. It is distinguished from other groups through its functions. It is responsible for maintaining law and order, it has an area of jurisdiction and has its sovereignty. It is mainly made up of agreed rules that people under a specific jurisdiction have to follow. In some countries, the term refers to political units.

Affinal- It is the relationship that one has with the spouse’s family connected by virtue of marriage. According to the Cannon Law, affinity exists in three ways; collateral affinity, it is a relation that exists between the spouse and the relatives of the other spouse’s relatives, Direct Affinity is between the wife and the husbands relation by blood while Secondary affinity is between a spouse and the other spouse relative by marriage.

Horticulturalists- Are small-scale farmers who grow flowers, fruits, and vegetables for both trade and personal use. In anthropology, it is also known as subsistence farming.

**Factors that lead to political affinity and political systems.**

According to international relations, the political affinity between countries’ is considered high when countries’ national interests align with each other. The national interests of the countries are shaped by different factors such as political agendas and the economy. It dictates for the countries involved to cooperate and reduce conflicts. Countries that have high political affinity experience fewer disagreements and thus posing fewer threats to their different interest. According to Gartzke (2000), high affinity levels results in reduced conflicts between countries as they have few reasons to fight. By contrast, low levels of affinity signify different foreign policies that easily trigger military conflicts between the two countries.

Ethnicity is more to do with the skin color, language, or the physical characteristics of the people. It is more to do with the patterns of behavior, aspirations, and the embodiment of a people’s value. It serves as a sense of identity and belonging to a people. Traditionally, societies functioned through an elaborate system of governance the clan, the tribe, and the lineage. When the colonial formation of the authority kicked in, different groups were brought together based on distinctive attributes. New institutions, values and principles governed each group. Some years later, the system was replaced by a centralized power where authority came from an outsider and orders executed by the police and military. Through this, a stable, all-inclusive political system was formed. The leader is elected by the people from all over the country with a constitution that abides every citizen.

According to Clark (2011), politics and business are intertwined all over the world. The political affinity of a country affects the rate at which foreign investors anticipate doing business with local firms. With decreasing political association, the host country carries the burden of approaching foreign firms for business and decreasing its bidding powers. Existence of good relations between the two countries enables quick business deal with lucrative offers. Politics plays a crucial role in the economy of a nation. This shows that political bilateral ties are very crucial when engaging in business transactions. For instance, when two countries collide on the grounds of national interests, like in the Cold World war between United States of America and Britain, the government of USA introduced sanctions aimed at the British Investors.

The political affinity between two countries will dictate the government’s actions in the political realm and economics side. According to Tingley (2015), the government of Lenovo made attempts to acquire IBM; this came after there were economic concerns with the Chinese companies in the USA. There were no sanctions made on this move as there exists few conflict interests between the involved countries. Simmons (2005) explains when countries share the same views on global politics, there is no guarantee that smooth economic relations between the two will exist. Still they are less likely going to impose harsh trade sanctions to each other.

The family also has its fare of effects on the political system. Despite disagreements, the young ones grow up and vote in the same line as the parents. Families influence the political choices of their children. In a logical manner, the more politically influenced a family is, the same political views.

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