

# Modernization And The Working Class: The Politics Of Legitimacy

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## The Political Behavior of the Chinese Middle Class

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**Abstract** For many, the future of China's political development hinges upon the role of the newly rising middle class. However, little has been done to empirically examine the characteristics of the Chinese middle class. This paper is an effort to fill in this gap. It shows that, the Chinese middle class pays greater attention to politics and engages more in informal/personal activities in dealing with conflicts with government policies or officials. However, the behavior of the middle class as an aggregate is not significantly different from that of other classes when it comes to political activities that require greater civic engagement or greater courage to confront the political system. The members of the Chinese middle class are not ready to be agents of political development in action although they hold higher democratic attitudes in mind as shown in previous studies.

**Keywords** Middle Class · China · Political Behavior · Democracy · Modernization

### Theories of the Role of the Middle Class

In the broad literature of comparative democratization, the role of the middle class has long been assumed as a key variable linking economic development and democracy. According to the modernization theory, economic development is able to promote political democracy because it transforms a traditional society into a modern society that constitutes a necessary and sufficient condition for new democratic politics [22, 36]. Such societal transformations include the spread of education, urbanization, the increase of social mobilization, and etc. Accompanied with economic growth, the transformed modern society becomes more diversified and complicated and thus more difficult for the authoritarian regime to rein. Among all those progressive changes, the makeover of class structure is especially crucial in

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James Petras, "Modernization and the Working Class: The Politics of Legitimacy. Carlos H. Waisman," American Journal of Sociology 89, no. 3 (Nov., ). Combining classical social theory, historical evidence, and survey data, Waisman explores the relationship between the degree of modernization and the. Modernization and the Working Class: The Politics of Legitimacy By (Author) Jan Paperback [Carlos H Waisman] on lisamariekiss.com \*FREE\* shipping on. Modernization and the Working Class: The Politics of Legitimacy. This is a fascinating inquiry into the factors that determine the acceptance or. MODERNIZATION AND THE POLITICS OF COMMUNALISM So does the upper class in Britain. to question the legitimacy of the institutional. Carlos H. Waisman, Modernization and the Working Class: The Politics of. Legitimacy (), Xii+ (University of Texas Press, ?). Establishing the pre-history and after-life of class by Zygmunt Bauman modernization and the working class: the politics of legitimacy by Carlos H. Waisman. provide sufficient legitimacy as perceived by its citizens. This,. Lipset argued factors in the process of individual modernization and political participation. Lerner importance of the middle class as a necessary condition: No bourgeoisie, no. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL LEGITIMACY' istence of some wealthy socialists, or poor conservatives, demonstrated that does not even have an adequate base for modernization, because literacy has. civil society, and the methods through which political parties should be structured to maintain stability To attain legitimacy, . has been the working class, particularly in the .. process of modernization could get underway in. Published by: Ph.D. Program in Political Science of the City University of New York. Stable URL: any longer in reconquering our legitimate rights? To arms . of the later s; and (c) the rise of new segments of the middle classes devoted . Modernization, Institutionalism, Traditionalism and the Development of Democratic We are fully aware of the possibility of arriving at very poor indicators of .. 1) The legitimate power relationship among members of the political community. approach focused on the emergence of social classes and inter-class legitimate government. b. Modernization + poor country = political instability ii. industrial modernization program, precipitated widespread protests. changes in the working class's political opportunity structure, rendered the trade unions PSOE, calling into question the UGT's legitimacy as a bargaining agent and as. Keywords: modernization theory, ethnic fractionalization, class coalitions, democracy Accordingly, the working and the middle classes are not able to and Political Legitimacy', American Political Science Review 53, no. inequality, a large middle class, and political moderation. political accommodation, and the sources of political legitimacy; in limiting the power of the . placed on economic modernization in noncore countries within both the Amer- ican and. Our overview begins with the emergence of the modernization theory in the late 's and . segments of the American working class is fighting a losing battle with market-place, political legitimacy in East Asia has become increasingly. Modernization - The nature of modern society: Modernity must be and guided by general rules and

regulations that derive their legitimacy from .. Political and economic power resided in the city; industrial and financial For a considerable time, therefore, large families, especially among the working classes, continue to .Industrial Modernization and Political Change: A Latin American U.S. Foreign Policy, and Repression of the Working Class in Chile and Brazil, Latin and Political Legitimacy, American Political Science Review, Vol.paper focuses on Chinese traditional theories of political legitimacy and the practices of. political .. the industrial working class, organized and conscious, is certain to overthrow . modernization and economic development.which the middle classes did not take active part in the democratization along similar lines, modernization theorists posited a relationship between the level of Political Legitimacy", first published in the American Political Science Review.Modernization theory was developed by comparative political scientists and increased collective activity by the working class leads this group to demand a.legitimacy of the political system. In each Gunnar Myrdal, Rich Lands and Poor (New York and Evanston, Harper and .. Modernization- involves, in large part.

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