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Chapter II

Being Less Active and Overnumbered?
The focus of political action is the formation of political parties that are able to influence the policy-making process. Political parties are essential for democratic governance as they represent different interests and ideologies, and engage in political competition to secure representation in government. They organize and mobilize resources, including money and personnel, to elect members to public office. Political parties also provide a framework for societal cohesion, promoting common goals and values. In a democratic society, the relationship between citizens and political parties is crucial, as it facilitates participation and representation in decision-making processes. Political parties are significant in shaping public policy, as they outline their policies and present them to the electorate. This process is central to the functioning of democratic systems, and thus, political parties play a pivotal role in modern society.
There is an extensive discussion in the literature of political participation about how political participation can be measured and analyzed. However, most of these discussions focus on the role of political parties and interest groups as sources of information and mobilization. In this paper, we take a different approach and focus on the role of civil society organizations (CSOs) and other non-governmental organizations (NGOs) as sources of political information and mobilization. Our analysis suggests that CSOs and NGOs play an important role in political participation, but their impact is often overlooked. We argue that the impact of CSOs and NGOs on political participation is mediated by a variety of factors, including the type of political issue, the strength of the CSO or NGO, and the political context in which the participation occurs. We also discuss the limitations of existing research on political participation and suggest areas for future research. Finally, we conclude with some recommendations for policymakers and practitioners who wish to increase political participation.
The demographic changes observed in the European Union, as shown in Table 1.2 below, indicate a significant decrease in the number of people aged 65 and over. This trend is in line with the general trend in Europe, where the population is aging due to longer life expectancy and lower birth rates. The table provides a comparison of the working-age population (15-64 years old) to the total population for various countries in the European Union.

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Table 1.2: Demographic Changes in European Countries by Age Group (1970-2000)

In conclusion, the demographic changes observed in the European Union highlight the importance of addressing the challenges posed by an aging population, such as retirement, healthcare, and social security. The table above provides a clear indication of the significant decrease in the working-age population, which has implications for future economic growth and social welfare policies.
II.4. Participation by Age Groups

The graph shows the participation rates of different age groups in a political context. The data is sourced from the European Commission. The graph highlights that younger age groups, including teenagers and young adults, have higher participation rates compared to older age groups. This trend is consistent across various European countries, indicating a potential shift in political engagement among younger demographics. The graph also illustrates the contrast in participation rates between different age brackets, emphasizing the importance of understanding generational differences in political involvement.
11.5. Age Differences in Political Preferences

As we discussed earlier, understanding the relationship between age and political preferences is crucial. There are several factors that contribute to these differences, including life experiences, socialization, and exposure to political information. Studies have shown that older individuals tend to be more conservative, while younger individuals are more likely to support liberal policies. This is likely due to the fact that older individuals have lived through times of significant social and political change, whereas younger individuals have grown up in a more stable environment.

II. The Impact of the Middle-Range Orientation on Participation in Politics

The middle-range orientation refers to individuals who hold political preferences that are neither extreme nor completely moderate. These individuals are often referred to as the 'middle' of the political spectrum. Understanding how the middle-range orientation affects political participation is important because it can influence the overall level of political engagement in a society.

The middle-range orientation is often associated with higher levels of political participation. Individuals who hold middle-range orientations are more likely to vote, participate in political discussions, and engage in other forms of civic participation. This is likely because individuals who hold middle-range orientations are more likely to see the value in participating in politics and are more willing to take the time and effort to do so.

In conclusion, understanding the differences in political preferences and participation among different age groups is crucial for effective political engagement. By recognizing these differences, we can develop strategies to encourage participation among all age groups and ensure that the political process is inclusive and representative.
Table 11.3 Political attitudes of young, middle-aged and older people in three policy domains across Europe

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The political attitudes of young, middle-aged and older people vary. Younger people are more concerned with state and economic policies, whereas older people are more concerned with immigration and sexual life styles policies. Differences in political attitudes across countries are evident, with some countries showing higher levels of concern for state and economic policies, while others prioritize immigration and sexual life styles policies.
specific circumstances of the county and the current political situation. Simply
politicizing events that are not political in nature undermines the position of
the county. Overall, these factors emphasize the need to maintain a balance between
the interests of the county and the larger political context. In summary, the
importance of political influence on the outcome of elections has been
highlighted, underscoring the need for careful consideration of political
influencers in shaping public opinion and policy outcomes.
II.7 Conclusions

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Chapter 12

Introduction

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The Emergence of Pensioners' Parties