

(2) size of fraternal interest group.

(3) an ideological base, namely, descent reckoning that reinforces the loyalty of fraternal interest group members. (60/61)

They specify:

... the strength of a fraternal interest group depends on the marital transactions, numbers, and loyalties of its members, and these qualities depend on the nature of the economy. (:67)

... the three factors that we consider critical in accounting for fraternal interest group organization and strength:

the value of the dominant economic resources available in a society, military vulnerability of those resources,

and the extent to which sons must rely on fathers for access to wealth. These factors determine the extent to which men can command and reinforce the loyalty of large numbers of kinsmen and, thus, the society's potential for producing a strong political force capable of contracting and protecting bargains. (:56)

More precisely:

The first factor is the *presence or absence of valuable economic resources that can be controlled by adult males*, in the society. (...) The second critical factor is the *military vulnerability of valuable economic assets*, to attack or confiscation by other organized groups of males. (...)

The third critical factor is *access to valuable economic assets only through the mediation of fathers and other adult males* by sons at maturity so that there is no opportunity for sons to form an independent resource base. (:55/56)

In summary:

(*presence or absence of brideprice and patrilineality* in a society and a trichotomized measure of *size of effective kin-based political subunit*) (:282)

Each of the three variables used to measure the strength of fraternal interest groups – *ability to contract explicit bargains*, *group size*, and *descent ideology* – ... (:74)

#### Scores of the code:

- 0 Both brideprice and patrilineality are absent, and size of effective kin-based political subunit is less than 100.
- 1 Only one of the following conditions present: brideprice; patrilineality; size of political subunit between 100 and 999.
- 2 a. Size of political subunit is 1000 or greater, and brideprice and patrilineality are absent; or  
b. Size of political subunit is less than 100 and both brideprice and patrilineality are present; or  
c. Size of political subunit is between 100 and 999 and either brideprice and patrilineality is present (but not both).
- 3 a. Size of political subunit is between 100 and 999, and both brideprice and patrilineality are present; or  
b. Size of political subunit is 1000 or greater, and either brideprice and patrilineality is present (but not both).
- 4 Size of political subunit is 1000 or greater, and both brideprice and patrilineality are present.
- 9 There is missing data on one or more of the three measures, brideprice, patrilineality, and size of effective kin-based political subunit. (:282)

#### Comment:

Paige and Paige did not construct this variable for a cross-cultural testing of conflict-hypotheses! They needed it for their theory about reproductive rituals.