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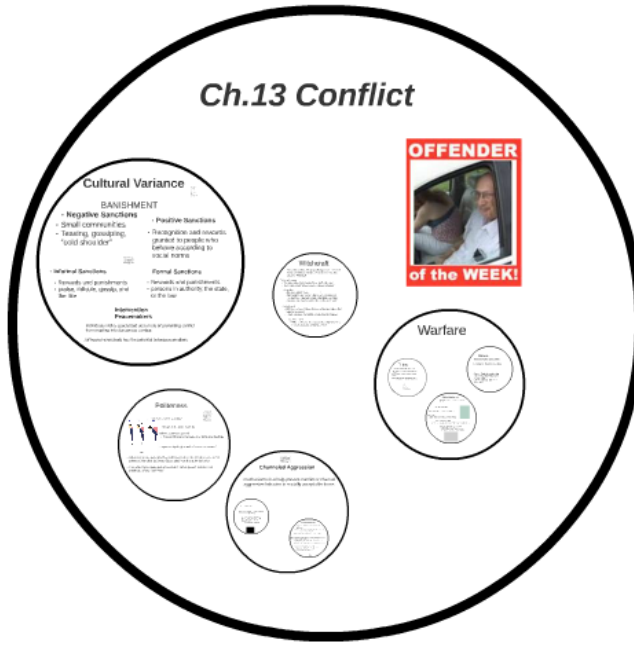
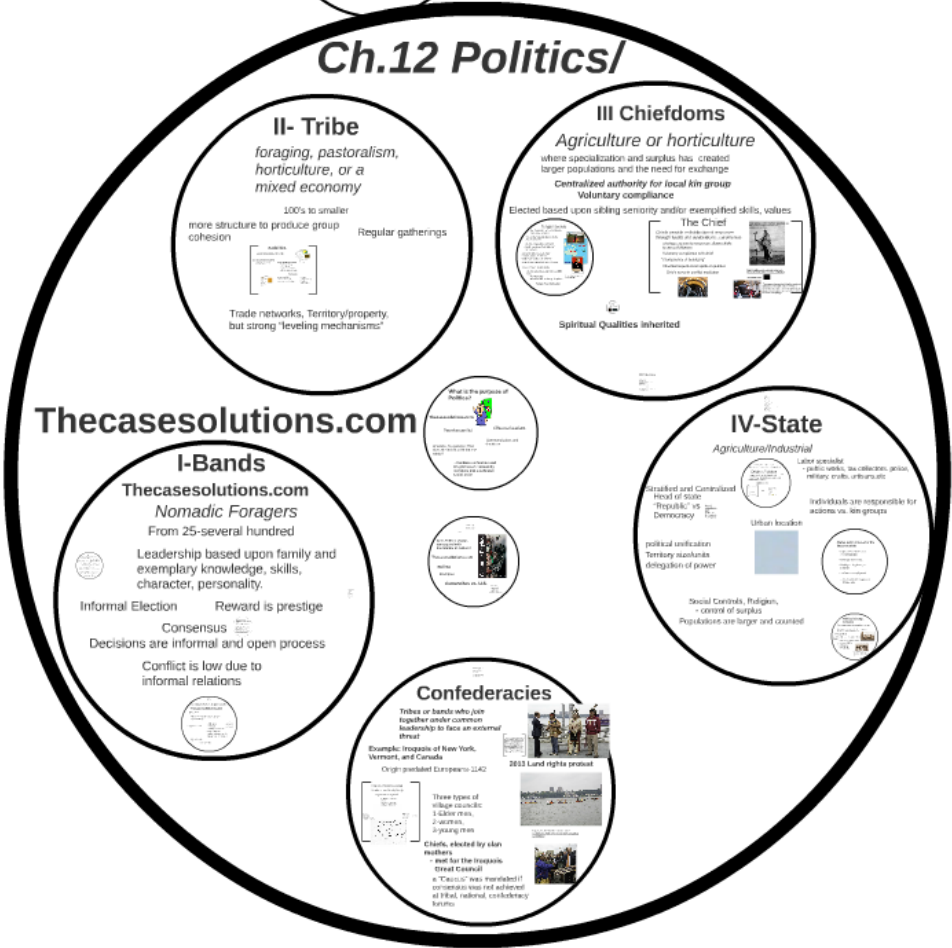
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**Ongka's Big Moka: The Keesla of Papua New Guinea**

- What gifts were you given to be a successful Big Moka?
- Why is Big Moka so important to Ongka and his followers?
- What is an important social skill?
- What is Ongka's biggest legacy?
- What traditions do you have?
- How would an anthropologist evaluate Ongka's human nature of a mostly ritual world?

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Lakota-Sioux Tribal nation  
Native Americans

1800s Lakota-Sioux Tribal nation



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- What skills must you have to be a successful pig man?
- Why is the moka so important to Ongka and in Kwelka?
- What is so important about pigs?
- Why is Ongka's biggest backer? What does Ongka's moka?
- How would an anthropologist explain this socially ritualized display of so much hard-earned wealth?

**Michael Samrat**  
 also: Sora Tribal nation  
 Arawak Pastoralists

COMPARISON OF A HUNTING-GATHERING SOCIETY AND A PASTORALIST SOCIETY

## Ch.12 Politics/

**II- Tribe**  
*foraging, pastoralism, horticulture, or a mixed economy*

100's to smaller  
 more structure to produce group cohesion

Regular gatherings

Trade networks, Territory/property, but strong "leveling mechanisms"

**III Chiefdoms**  
*Agriculture or horticulture*

where specialization and surplus created larger populations and the need for exchange  
**Centralized authority for local kin group**  
 Voluntary compliance

Elected based upon sibling seniority and/or exemplified skills, values

**The Chief**  
 Great person capabilities of prestige, wealth, force, and charisma, connections to supernatural powers, etc.

Spiritual Qualities inherited

**Ch.13 Conflict**

**Cultural Variance**

**BANISHMENT**

- Negative Sanctions
- Small communities
- Tossing, gossiping, "cutting shoulder"
- Internal Sanctions
- Rewards and patronage
- Group, village, group, and kinship

- Positive Sanctions
- Recognition and rewards granted to people who behave according to social norms
- Formal Sanctions
- Rewards and patronage granted in authority, the state, or the law

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### The Chief

Chiefs provide order in the face of resource scarcity through trade and redistribution, patron-client relationships

Control access to resources allows chiefs to wield authority

Use of ceremonial gifts to legitimize authority

Why some chiefdoms collapse

Chiefdoms were not always peaceful

Chiefs acted as conflict mediator

Spiritual Qualities inherited

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## I-Bands

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*Nomadic Foragers*

From 25-several hundred

Leadership based upon family and exemplary knowledge, skills, character, personality.

Informal Election      Reward is prestige

Consensus

Decisions are informal and open process

Conflict is low due to informal relations

What is the purpose of Politics?

Resolve conflict

Coordinate and organize

Facilitate with value and coordination of community members in a collective environment

How Politics always exist in the form of a "band"

Politics is always present in the form of a "band"

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## IV-State

*Agriculture/Industrial*

Stratified and Centralized

Head of state

"Republic" vs Democracy

Urban location

political unification

Territory size/units

delegation of power

Labor specialist

- public works, tax collectors, police, military, crafts, artisans, etc.

Individuals are responsible for actions vs. kin groups

Social Controls, Religion, control of surplus

Populations are larger and counted

## Confederacies

*Tribes or bands who join together under common leadership to face an external threat*

Example: Iroquois of New York, Vermont, and Canada

Origin predated Europeans-1142

2013 Land rights protest

Three types of village councils:

- 1-Elder men,
- 2-women,
- 3-young men

Chiefs, elected by clan mothers

- met for the Iroquois Great Council

a "Caucus" was mandated if consensus was not achieved at tribal, national, confederacy forums

# What is the purpose of Politics?



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Resolve conflict

Choose leaders

Communal plans and decisions

Answers the question: How does the individual fit into the whole?

**...facilitate unification and integration of community members into a cohesive social order**

Does Politics always correspond with boundaries of Culture?

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not so

Examples:

Comanches vs. U.S.



<http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/Comanche.aspx>

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**Consensus Exercise:  
You choose: Multiple choice vs  
Essays?**

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Republicans during the 2017 Supreme Court nomination Neil Gorsuch changed the rules to advance their nominee:

**60% Filibuster to simple majority**

<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/04/06/us/politics/neil-gorsuch-supreme-court-senate.html>

# Bands

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Unlikely to develop warfare

- Deadly Feuds do develop but do not encompass large scale communities
- effects only small number of loved ones





# Commanches' 5 major bands

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1) big man

“No one made him such, he just got that way”.

• 2) peace chief

- kindness
- wisdom
- ability to influence
- responsible for seasonal movements by gaining consensus



3) war leader

-warrior skills