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DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. The State and War

- Centrality of war & increasing-capital intensity of war in explaining convergence of states on one form (Griffin, Sarah, Courtney)
- Warmaking vs domestic social order as imperatives for state making, especially in periods of extended peace. (Kaan)
- Is the war-making mechanism a kind of (Darwinianish) “selection mechanism”? Is it inevitable? (Loren)
- What are the underlying assumptions about (a) states emerging from warmaking (b) social change in general. (Tamara).
- Does Tilly treat war as “an end in itself”? (Masoud)

2. Capital-intensive, coercion-intensive and capitalized coercion models of state formation

- What exactly is the capitalized coercion model? (Sarah)

3. Tilly vs other theorists

- Tilly vs Therborn on the centrality of coercion to the state (Benny)
- Tilly vs Weber on the role of culture in formation of the “modern” state?
- Tilly vs Mann – how to compare? Would any observation support one vs the other? (Aaron)
- What are the pivotal lines of demarcation between Marxist and Neo-Weberian (Tilly & Mann) approaches to the state? (Pete)

4. Ideology/consent

- Tilly never talks about consent or ideology. How does this affect his analysis? (Youbin)

5. Classes & identity groups

- Tilly talks about capital and capitalists, but not the emergence of capitalism as an engine of accumulation. Would this affect his arguments? (Loren)
- The role of class & identity groups in Tilly’s analysis is in terms of potential for rebellion and administrative complexity. Is this analysis relevant for rulers today? (Kris)

6. Miscellaneous

- Direct and indirect rule: how does Tilly account for continued existence of empire-like extraction of states through indirect rule? (Samina)