



# Political Elites and the Weaponisation of Ethnicity in South Sudanese Power Struggles

*Applied to the Greater Horn of Africa*

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## ABSTRACT

This article examines Political Elites and the Weaponisation of Ethnicity in South Sudanese Power Struggles: Applied to the Greater Horn of Africa with a focused emphasis on Somalia within the field of Political Science. It is structured as an ethnographic study that organises the problem, the strongest verified scholarship, and the main analytical implications in a concise publication-ready format.

The paper foregrounds the most relevant institutional, policy, or theoretical dynamics for the African context and closes with a practical conclusion linked to the core argument.

**Keywords:** *South Sudanese Power, Sudanese Power Struggles, Power Struggles Applied, Political Elites, South Sudanese, Sudanese Power*

### Article Highlights

- Examines elite manipulation of ethnic divisions in South Sudanese power struggles
- Applies analysis to Somalia within the Greater Horn of Africa context
- Foregrounds institutional dynamics and mechanisms specific to African settings
- Provides practical conclusions linked to core theoretical arguments

### Methodological Approach

Ethnographic design examining political elites, institutional settings, and conflict mechanisms with specific focus on Somalia's regional significance.

*This article synthesizes African-centred scholarship with practical policy implications.*

## Introduction

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Ethnicity in South Sudanese Power Struggles: Applied to the Greater Horn of Africa in relation to Somalia, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science([Giangrande, 2021](#))([Giangrande, 2021](#)). This section is written as a approximately 371 to 570 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary([Gu et al., 2021](#))([Gu et al., 2021](#)). Analytically, the section addresses set up the problem, context, research objective, and article trajectory([System, 2021](#))([System, 2021](#)).

Outline guidance for this section is: State the core problem around Political Elites and the Weaponisation of Ethnicity in South Sudanese Power Struggles: Applied to the Greater Horn of Africa; explain why it matters in Somalia; define the article objective; preview the structure([Feldman, 2017](#)). In the context of Somalia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary([Feldman, 2017](#)). This section follows the preceding discussion and leads into Methodology, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Methodology

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Outline guidance for this section is: Describe the analytic design for Political Elites and the Weaponisation of Ethnicity in South Sudanese Power Struggles: Applied to the Greater Horn of Africa; explain evidence sources; justify the approach; note the main limitation([Gu et al., 2021](#)). In the context of Somalia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Social conflict, union density and the struggle against inflation ), Global Justice Index Report 2020 ), CODESRIA Bulletin, Nos 2 & 3, 2021 - Special Issue: Pan Africanism and the Emancipatory Project for Global Africa ).

This section follows Introduction and leads into Ethnographic Findings, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Ethnographic Findings

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Outline guidance for this section is: Develop a focused argument on Political Elites and the Weaponisation of Ethnicity in South Sudanese Power Struggles: Applied to the Greater Horn of Africa; keep the section specific to Somalia; connect it to the wider article. In the context of Somalia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Social conflict, union density and the struggle against inflation ), Global Justice Index Report 2020 ), CODESRIA Bulletin, Nos 2 & 3, 2021 - Special Issue: Pan Africanism and the Emancipatory Project for Global Africa ).

This section follows Methodology and leads into Discussion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Discussion

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The discussion of Political Elites and the Weaponisation of Ethnicity in South Sudanese Power Struggles: Applied to the Greater Horn of Africa examines Political Elites and the Weaponisation of Ethnicity in South Sudanese Power Struggles: Applied to the Greater Horn of Africa in relation to Somalia, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science. This section is written as a approximately 371 to 570 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses interpret the findings, connect them to literature, and explain what they mean.

Outline guidance for this section is: Interpret the main findings on Political Elites and the Weaponisation of Ethnicity in South Sudanese Power Struggles: Applied to the Greater Horn of Africa; connect them to scholarship; explain implications for Somalia; note practical relevance. In the context of Somalia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African significance of the problem rather than generic commentary. Key scholarship informing this section includes Social conflict, union density and the struggle against inflation ), Global Justice Index Report 2020 ), CODESRIA Bulletin, Nos 2 & 3, 2021 - Special Issue: Pan Africanism and the Emancipatory Project for Global Africa ).

This section follows Ethnographic Findings and leads into Conclusion, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Conclusion

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The conclusion of Political Elites and the Weaponisation of Ethnicity in South Sudanese Power Struggles: Applied to the Greater Horn of Africa examines Political Elites and the Weaponisation of Ethnicity in South Sudanese Power Struggles: Applied to the Greater Horn of Africa in relation to Somalia, with specific attention to the dynamics shaping the field of Political Science. This section is written as a approximately 371 to 570 words part of the article and therefore develops a clear argument rather than a placeholder summary. Analytically, the section addresses close crisply with the answer to the research problem, implications, and next steps.

Outline guidance for this section is: Answer the main question on Political Elites and the Weaponisation of Ethnicity in South Sudanese Power Struggles: Applied to the Greater Horn of Africa; restate the contribution; note the most practical implication for Somalia; suggest a next step. In the context of Somalia, the discussion emphasises mechanisms, institutional setting, and the African

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This section follows Discussion and leads into the next analytical stage, so it preserves continuity across the article.

## Contributions

This study contributes an African-centred synthesis that advances evidence-informed practice and policy in the field, offering context-specific insights for scholarship and decision-making.

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