This bibliography is arranged to correspond roughly with three conceptual and one general state through which community power and decision have passed during the past two decades. The three conceptual stages concern: (1) the power and decision-making structure of the isolated, and for the most part, small community; (2) comparative studies of community power and decision-making; the comparisons may be of methodologies or of the differences in the communities in terms of their decision-making arrangements; (3) the metropolitan community and its decisional structure, or the lack of it. The fourth stage, a general category, includes relevant works for the most part theoretical, which do not fit into the three conceptual stages but are, in some cases, attempts to bridge the gaps existing between those stages. (Author/DB)
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I. Introduction:

The past two decades have witnessed the inquiry into community power and decision making pass through a number of conceptually distinct stages; stages marked by changes in analytic focus and/or methodological technique. This bibliography is arranged to roughly correspond to those broad stages as they are perceived by the present writer.

The first stage studies concern themselves with the power and decision-making structure of the isolated, for the most part small, community. The concentration on small isolated communities also involves a methodological debate; i.e., what is the best method for measuring power or influence in decision-making? Further, does a particular method of study yield a distinct (and therefore possibly bias) picture of a community's decision-making structure?

The second stage of conceptualization involves comparative studies of community power and decision-making. The works included in this category are comparative in either one of two way, or possibly both. First, they may be methodological comparisons, i.e., comparing two or more methodologies in the study of the same community decision-making structure. Secondly, they may be comparative in the sense of comparing two or more communities, communities which manifest certain substantive differences, in terms of their decision-making arrangements.

The third stage concerns the study of the metropolitan community and its decisional structure, or lack of it.
This stage is marked by a research focus on the complex metropolitan area and its equally complex problems and issues, rather than the small isolated community, or even a comparison of several isolated communities. Involved here is a re-definition of the term community in order to conceptualize the interaction of functionally interdependent yet politically autonomous sub-communities in the arena of metropolitan issue resolution. The emphasis is on the interplay of various metropolitan community institutions and vested interests in the context of issue resolution. These metropolitan issues, needless to say, also profoundly affect the local constituent communities of the metropolitan area; but such issues transcend the local communities in terms of issue origin, the exercise of decisional powers, and final issue resolution.

It should be noted, once again, that the above three categories are not time sequences, but rather conceptual stages; and therefore --time wise-- many contemporary works are placed in different conceptual categories, just as some works are placed in more than one category.

A fourth and final category has been included here for general relevance selections. It is a general category, not a conceptual category, which includes relevant works, for the most part theoretical, which do not clearly fit into the above three stages; but are, in some cases, attempts to bridge the gaps existing between these stages.
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