

# Dynamics of Political Opinion Formation Including Catastrophe Theory

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## Abstract

After Nazism and Communism new forms of totalitarianism fostered by religious fundamentalism have arisen at the turn of the present century. In view of this fact the authors Wolfgang Weidlich and Heide Huebner present a parsimonious quantitative model designed to shed some light on the dynamics of the formation of totalitarian systems. The model is constructed according to the principles of Sociodynamics, that belongs to the broad field of nonlinear dynamic system theory (NDS). It comprises two order parameters and four trend parameters. All of them are socio-politically interpreted. Stationary, stagnant and revolutionary system-phases are exhibited in 6 scenarios. The relation to catastrophe theory is discussed.

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