

Clientelism

Political Science

Exchanging particular benefits for political support.

How it works and what sustains it.

Mechanisms

Targeted benefits to identified supporters

Brokers monitoring compliance locally

Public employment as patronage

Selective enforcement of rules

Sustaining conditions

Poverty raising the value of small benefits

Weak ballot secrecy in practice

Programmatic parties absent

State capacity to target, not to universalise

Educational reference. Clientelism declines as incomes rise and monitoring of individual votes becomes harder.