

Beyond Resource Mobilization Theory: Dynamic Paradigm of Chengara Struggle

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ABSTRACT This paper focuses on Chengara struggle, from the perspective of contemporary movements and compares the features of old social movements and resource mobilization theory. This work is mainly framed through review of related literature as well as analyzing the data collected from 100 participants involved in the movement through an in-depth interview. The paper attempts to examine the application of Resource Mobilization Theory by describing the linkage between the theory and Chengara struggle. The present paper reveals the theoretical background under social phenomena of movements for liberation. It explores the ideological transformation of old social movements to new social movements, depicting certain similarities and differences between both temporal movements. While the old movements focused on ideological discourse of revolution, the new social movement is more issue oriented. The paper attempts to give a theoretical base to analysis, where the resource mobilization theory justifies the context of the struggle.