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ANALYZING CASTE-BASED VOTING IN PUNJAB'S LOCALITIES

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ABSTRACT

In order to comprehend the effect of caste affiliations on election results, this study investigates the dynamics of caste-based voting patterns in the localities of Punjab. We find out how much caste affects party tactics and voter preferences by looking at demographic data, field interviews, and recent election results. Certain castes show significant attachment to specific parties, while others show more fluid voting habits, revealing a complicated interplay between caste identity and political allegiance. This paper highlights the enduring impact of caste on Punjab's political scene, providing light on how political factions use caste dynamics for electoral gain. Providing a detailed analysis of caste-based voting's impact on democratic processes in Punjab, the paper also emphasizes the consequences of this voting system on social cohesiveness and political representation.

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