

Confederacies, Coalitions, and Decentralized Movements

A Structural Framework for Analyzing Modern Activist Networks

Introduction

This educational document explores the concept of a **confederacy** in political theory and examines whether modern activist ecosystems can be evaluated through a confederated structural lens. The goal is to analyze structure, coordination, and organizational intersection.

I. Defining a Confederacy in Political Theory

A confederacy is a union of sovereign or semi-sovereign entities that voluntarily join or “intersect,” together for shared purposes while retaining primary autonomy.

Core Characteristics:

- Member entities retain primary authority
- Central governing body has limited power
- Decisions often require consensus
- Members may withdraw voluntarily
- Coordination exists without full consolidation

Historical examples listed below which illustrate variations of confederated structures.

II. Distinguishing Confederacy from Other Collective Structures

Confederacy: Weak central authority, high member autonomy, moderate coordination (mobility).

Federation: Stronger central authority, shared sovereignty, high coordination.

Coalition: Temporary alliance (months, years), issue-specific coordination.

Network: Minimal centralized authority (activism networks), fluid coordination.

Movement: Informal structure, culturally or socially driven coordination.

III. Characteristics of Modern Activist Movements

- Alliances of organizations
- Informal or sophisticated networks
- Hashtag-based mobilizations
- Issue-specific coalitions
- Distributed digital ecosystems

They may share:

- Messaging themes
- Funding overlaps
- Strategic narratives

- Common training resources
- Legal support networks

They often carry:

- Social Pressure Campaigns
- Damaging and Hostile Communication Structures
- Political Agendas

Author's Notes

Activism movements are motivated by money, cultural, social leverage, networking and coordination.

Big motivating powers are: the leaders of the movement itself, their mobilizing structures, websites, social media platforms, funds, lobby power and foundational organizations that support these movements.

→ BLAMESOVJF+ Confederacy

→ The Modern, Anti-American Confederacy

AKA/OR

- Anti-American [White] Confederacy
- Anti-American [Culture] Confederacy
- Anti-American [Spirit] Confederacy
- Anti-American [Nation] Confederacy
- Anti-American [Native/Anthropological] Confederacy

→ Does their agenda fit some or all of the criteria?"

IV. Analytical Framework for Evaluating Structural Similarity

- Sovereignty of Units: Do member groups retain independent governance?
- Formal Agreements: Is there a written charter or binding governance rules?
- Centralized Coordination: Is there a coordinating council or centralized strategy approval?
- Funding Structure: Are there shared funding pipelines or redistribution mechanisms?
- Messaging Discipline: Is similarity organic or strategically aligned?
- Enforcement Mechanisms: Are members sanctioned or reputationally disciplined?

Conclusion

The concept of a **confederacy** provides a structural framework for examining intersecting organizations, shared strategic aims, distributed yet coordinated activity, and retained autonomy among participating entities.

US infers, based on landslide evidence, that the term confederacy may be applied to the “intersectional,” activism movement.

List of 500 Historical Confederacies:

Master Confederacy Catalog 500

1. Iroquois (Haudenosaunee) Confederacy
2. Wabanaki Confederacy
3. Huron-Wendat Confederacy
4. Neutral Confederacy (Attawandaron)
5. Erie Confederacy
6. Susquehannock Confederacy
7. Illinois Confederation
8. Powhatan Confederacy
9. Piscataway Confederacy
10. Massachusetts Confederation
11. Pennacook Confederacy
12. Abenaki Confederated Alliance
13. Nipmuc Intertribal Confederation
14. Mahican Confederation
15. Lenape–Delaware Intertribal League
16. Shawnee Multi-Band Confederation
17. Three Fires Confederacy (Ojibwe–Odawa–Potawatomi)
18. Western Confederacy (Northwest Indian War)

19. Tecumseh's Confederacy
20. Cherokee Intertribal Wartime Confederation
21. Creek (Muscogee) Confederacy
22. Chickasaw–Choctaw Wartime Confederation
23. Yamasee War Confederation
24. Caddo Confederacy
25. Natchez–Regional War Confederation
26. Seminole Intertribal Confederation
27. Apalachee–Mission Confederated Alliance
28. Timucua Confederated Chiefdoms
29. Calusa Regional Confederation
30. Guale Coastal Confederation
31. Alabama–Koasati Confederation
32. Tunica–Biloxi Confederated Alliance
33. Atakapa–Karankawa Wartime Coalition
34. Houma Confederation
35. Chitimacha Intertribal League
36. Sioux Confederacy (Dakota–Lakota–Nakota)
37. Blackfoot Confederacy
38. Iron Confederacy (Plains Métis Alliance)
39. Assiniboine–Gros Ventre Confederation
40. Crow–Intertribal Wartime Coalition
41. Cheyenne–Arapaho Alliance Confederation
42. Kiowa–Comanche–Plains Apache Confederation
43. Pawnee Band Confederation
44. Mandan–Hidatsa–Arikara Confederation

45. Wichita Confederation
46. Ponca–Omaha Alliance Confederation
47. Osage Intertribal Confederation
48. Kaw–Osage Wartime Confederation
49. Plains Apache Confederated Alliance
50. Ute Inter-Band Confederation
51. Pueblo Revolt Confederation
52. Rio Grande Pueblo League
53. Hopi Inter-Mesa Confederation
54. Zuni–Pueblo Wartime Coalition
55. Apache Intertribal Confederation
56. Navajo Inter-Band Confederation
57. Yavapai–Tonto Wartime Confederation
58. Pima–Maricopa Confederation
59. Mojave–Quechan River Confederation
60. Kumeyaay Confederated Bands
61. Chumash Confederated Chiefdoms
62. Miwok Intertribal Confederation
63. Yokuts Valley Confederation
64. Pomo Confederated Villages
65. Modoc–Klamath Wartime Confederation
66. Chinook Confederation
67. Nuu-chah-nulth Confederated Chiefdoms
68. Coast Salish Confederated Alliances
69. Tlingit Inter-Clan Confederation
70. Haida Confederated Houses

71. Tsimshian Tribal Confederation
72. Kwakwaka'wakw Confederation
73. Nez Perce Wartime Confederation
74. Yakama Tribal Confederation
75. Plateau Intertribal Confederation
76. Aztec Triple Alliance
77. League of Mayapan
78. Tarascan (Purépecha) Confederation
79. Tlaxcala Confederation
80. Mixtec City-State Confederations
81. Zapotec Confederated City League
82. Totonac Confederation
83. Itza Maya Confederation
84. K'iche' Wartime Confederation
85. Kaqchikel Confederated Alliance
86. Muisca Confederation
87. Tairona Confederation
88. Wayuu Clan Confederation
89. Kalinago (Island Carib) Confederation
90. Arawak Regional Confederation
91. Guarani Intertribal Confederation
92. Tupinambá Coastal Confederation
93. Mapuche Confederation
94. Tehuelche Confederated Bands
95. Charrúa Confederation
96. Diaguita Confederation

97. Comechingón Confederated Groups
98. Huarpe Confederation
99. Selk'nam Inter-Band Confederation
100. Ona–Haush Wartime Confederation
101. Ashanti Confederacy
102. Fante Confederacy
103. Aro Confederacy
104. Oyo Metropolitan Confederacy
105. Benin Regional Confederation
106. Igbo Aro League
107. Ekpe Confederated Societies
108. Mandé Confederation
109. Mali Confederation (early tribal phase)
110. Songhai Provincial Confederation
111. Hausa Bakwai Confederation
112. Hausa Banza Bakwai League
113. Kanuri Tribal Confederation
114. Bornu Confederated Clans
115. Tuareg Kel Ahaggar Confederation
116. Tuareg Kel Ajjer Confederation
117. Tuareg Kel Adrar Confederation
118. Tuareg Iwellemmedan Confederation
119. Fulani Jihad Confederation
120. Sokoto Caliphate Confederated Emirates
121. Massina Confederation
122. Wassoulou Confederation

123. Serer Confederation
124. Jola Village Confederation
125. Balanta Regional Confederation
126. Senegambian Confederation
127. Wolof Jolof Confederation
128. Mossi Kingdoms Confederation
129. Dagomba Confederation
130. Akan Confederated States
131. Ewe Confederation
132. Ga-Adangbe Confederation
133. Yoruba Ekiti Confederation
134. Ife–Oyo Religious Confederation
135. Ijebu Confederation
136. Ibibio Confederation
137. Tiv Interclan Confederation
138. Nupe Confederation
139. Kongo Provincial Confederation
140. Luba Confederation
141. Lunda Confederation
142. Chokwe Confederation
143. Lozi (Barotse) Confederation
144. Shona Rozvi Confederation
145. Mutapa Confederated Kingdoms
146. Zulu Confederation (pre-imperial phase)
147. Ndwandwe Confederation
148. Swazi (Eswatini) Clan Confederation

149. Sotho–Tswana Confederation
150. Xhosa Gcaleka Confederation
151. Thembu Confederation
152. Mfengu Confederation
153. Oromo Gadaa Confederation
154. Somali Isaaq Confederation
155. Somali Darod Confederation
156. Somali Hawiye Confederation
157. Afar Sultanate Confederation
158. Beja Tribal Confederation
159. Nuba Mountain Confederation
160. Fur Confederation
161. Darfur Sultanate Confederated Clans
162. Tunjur Confederation
163. Zaghawa Confederation
164. Kanem Tribal Confederation
165. Baganda Clan Confederation
166. Bunyoro-Kitara Confederation
167. Ankole Confederation
168. Rwanda Precolonial Clan Confederation
169. Burundi Ganwa Confederation
170. Makua Confederation
171. Yao Confederation (East Africa)
172. Ngoni Confederation
173. Merina Provincial Confederation
174. Sakalava Confederation

175. Antaimoro Confederation
176. Comorian Sultanate Confederation
177. Ovambo Confederation
178. Herero Confederation
179. Himba Clan Confederation
180. Khoikhoi Confederation
181. San Regional Confederation
182. Griqua Confederation
183. Boer Trekker Confederation (Natal phase)
184. Basuto Defensive Confederation
185. Bemba Confederation
186. Tonga Plateau Confederation
187. Chewa Confederation
188. Mang'anja Confederation
189. Swahili City-State Confederation
190. Kilwa Coastal Confederation
191. Mombasa Coastal League
192. Lamu Archipelago Confederation
193. Zanzibar Omani Confederated Territories
194. Adal Sultanate Confederated Clans
195. Ifat Confederation
196. Harar Emirate Confederated Alliance
197. Xiongnu Confederation
198. Xianbei Confederation
199. Rouran Khaganate Confederation
200. Göktürk Tribal Confederation

201. Western Turkic Confederation
202. Eastern Turkic Confederation
203. Uyghur Khaganate Confederation
204. Karluk Confederation
205. Oghuz Yabgu Confederation
206. Kipchak Confederation
207. Cuman Confederation
208. Khazar Tribal Confederation
209. Pecheneg Confederation
210. Bulgars Steppe Confederation
211. Avar Khaganate Confederation
212. Magyar Tribal Confederation
213. Onogur Confederation
214. Hun Tribal Confederation
215. Hephthalite Confederation
216. Saka Tribal Confederation
217. Scythian Confederation
218. Sarmatian Confederation
219. Alan Tribal Confederation
220. Mongol Tribal Confederation (Pre-Imperial)
221. Naiman Confederation
222. Kerait Confederation
223. Merkit Confederation
224. Tatar Tribal Confederation
225. Oirat Confederation
226. Dzungar Confederation

227. Kazakh Three Zhuz Confederation
228. Nogai Horde Confederation
229. Golden Horde Tribal Confederation
230. White Horde Confederation
231. Blue Horde Confederation
232. Timurid Tribal Confederation
233. Chagatai Ulus Confederation
234. Ilkhanate Tribal Confederation
235. Seljuk Oghuz Confederation
236. Anatolian Beyliks Confederation
237. Crimean Tatar Confederation
238. Siberian Tatar Confederation
239. Yakut Tribal Confederation
240. Evenk Tribal Confederation
241. Khitan Liao Tribal Confederation
242. Jurchen Tribal Confederation
243. Manchu Eight Banners Confederation
244. Qiang Tribal Confederation
245. Tibetan Tribal Confederation
246. Yuezhi Confederation
247. Wusun Confederation
248. Tochari Tribal Confederation
249. Sogdian City Confederation
250. Bactrian Tribal Confederation
251. Kushan Confederation
252. Parthian Tribal Confederation

253. Median Tribal Confederation
254. Persian Tribal Confederation (Pre-Achaemenid)
255. Arab Ghassanid Confederation
256. Arab Lakhmid Confederation
257. Bedouin Tribal Confederation (Najd)
258. Bedouin Tribal Confederation (Hejaz)
259. Kurdish Tribal Confederation
260. Baluchi Tribal Confederation
261. Pashtun Durrani Tribal Confederation
262. Ghilzai Tribal Confederation
263. Hazara Tribal Confederation
264. Uzbek Tribal Confederation
265. Turkmen Tribal Confederation
266. Altai Tribal Confederation
267. Buryat Tribal Confederation
268. Kalmyk Oirat Confederation
269. Tuvan Tribal Confederation
270. Khalkha Mongol Confederation
271. Choros Oirat Confederation
272. Kirghiz Tribal Confederation
273. Uyghur Tribal Confederation (Post-Imperial)
274. Selkup Tribal Confederation
275. Nenets Tribal Confederation
276. Samoyedic Tribal Confederation
277. Khanty Tribal Confederation
278. Mansi Tribal Confederation

279. Yakut Sakha Confederation
280. Karakhanid Tribal Confederation
281. Khwarazm Tribal Confederation
282. Ghurid Tribal Confederation
283. Scytho-Siberian Confederation
284. Sarmato-Alan Confederation
285. Turkic Khaganate Confederation
286. Eurasian Hunnic Confederation
287. Bulgar Onogur Confederation
288. Cuman-Kipchak Confederation
289. Mongol Ulus Confederation
290. Steppe Tiele Confederation
291. Turgesh Confederation
292. Kimak Confederation
293. Kangar Union Confederation
294. Oghuz Tribal Union Confederation
295. Swiss Confederation (Old Swiss Confederacy)
296. Helvetic Confederation
297. German Confederation
298. North German Confederation
299. Confederation of the Rhine
300. United Belgian States
301. Dutch Republic (United Provinces Confederation)
302. Kalmar Union (Confederal Union Phase)
303. Polish–Lithuanian Commonwealth (Confederal Structure)
304. Livonian Confederation

305. Hanseatic League
306. Lombard League
307. Delian League
308. Peloponnesian League
309. Achaean League
310. Aetolian League
311. Boeotian Confederacy
312. Arcadian League
313. Achaemenid Ionian League
314. Samnite Confederation
315. Latin League
316. Etruscan League
317. Illyrian Tribal Confederation
318. Dacian Tribal Confederation
319. Thracian Tribal Confederation
320. Celtic Gallic Confederation
321. Helvetii Tribal Confederation
322. Aedui Confederation
323. Arverni Confederation
324. Belgae Confederation
325. Irish Catholic Confederation
326. Gaelic Irish Clan Confederation
327. Confederation of Kilkenny
328. Catalan Confederation (Crown of Aragon Structure)
329. Crown of Aragon (Confederal Monarchy)
330. United Baltic Duchies Confederation Proposal

331. Scandinavian Monetary Union
332. Pan-Scandinavian Confederation Proposal
333. Confederation of the Alps
334. Rhenish Confederation
335. Swabian League
336. Franconian League
337. Upper Rhenish League
338. Lower Rhenish–Westphalian Circle Confederation
339. Hanseatic Cities Defensive Confederation
340. Teutonic Confederation (Prussian League)
341. Prussian Confederation
342. Confederation of Warsaw
343. Bar Confederation (Poland)
344. Targowica Confederation
345. United Kingdom of the Netherlands (Confederal Phase)
346. Italian City-State League (Medieval)
347. League of Cambrai
348. League of Cognac
349. League of Neutrality (Armed Neutrality Confederation)
350. United Provinces of Italy (Napoleonic Confederation)
351. Carbonari Regional Confederations
352. Balkan League (1912)
353. Danubian Confederation Proposal
354. Austro-Hungarian Dual Confederation Structure
355. Czechoslovak Confederation Proposal (1918)
356. Yugoslav Confederation Proposal

357. United Baltic Confederation Proposal
358. Confederation of the Rhine Cities
359. Confederation of the Swiss Cantons (Modern Phase)
360. League of the Three Emperors (Confederal Understanding)
361. Holy Roman Empire (Confederal Imperial Structure)
362. Imperial Circles Confederation (Reichskreise)
363. United Provinces of Central Europe Proposal
364. Benelux Economic Confederation
365. Nordic Council Confederation Structure
366. European Free Trade Association (Confederal Trade Structure)
367. Commonwealth of Nations (Confederal Association)
368. Council of the Baltic Sea States Confederation
369. Visegrád Group Confederation
370. Central European Initiative Confederation
371. Union of Utrecht
372. Union of Arras
373. Confederation of the Rhine (Napoleonic)
374. Rzeczpospolita Noble Confederations
375. Swiss Sonderbund Confederation
376. Confederation of the Meuse–Rhine
377. Ionian Islands Confederation
378. United Principalities of Wallachia and Moldavia (Confederal Phase)
379. Transylvanian Union of the Three Nations
380. Confederation of the Rhine Army States
381. German Zollverein (Customs Confederation)
382. Italian Confederation Proposal (1848)

383. Confederation of the United Netherlands (1815 Phase)
384. Western European Union (Confederal Defense Structure)
385. League of Nations Mandate Confederations (European Administration)
386. European Coal and Steel Community (Confederal Economic Structure)
387. European Union (Confederal Characteristics Phase)
388. Maratha Confederacy
389. Sikh Confederacy (Dal Khalsa)
390. Iroquois Confederacy (Haudenosaunee)
391. Creek Confederacy (Muscogee)
392. Shawnee Confederacy (Tecumseh's Confederacy)
393. Comanche Confederacy
394. Huron Confederacy
395. Aztec Triple Alliance Confederation
396. Maya League of Mayapan
397. Inca Imperial Confederated Provinces
398. Zulu Tribal Confederation (Pre-Imperial Phase)
399. Oyo Confederation
400. Somali Clan Confederation
401. Ethiopian Zemene Mesafint Confederation
402. Tuareg Tribal Confederation
403. Songhai Regional Confederation
404. Kanem-Bornu Tribal Confederation
405. Swahili Coast City Confederation
406. Malayan Confederation Proposal
407. Federated Malay States (Confederal Phase)
408. Indonesian National Revolutionary Confederation

409. Philippine Katipunan Confederation
410. Thai Mandala Confederation System
411. Vietnamese Tay Son Confederation
412. Khmer Regional Confederation
413. Burmese Shan States Confederation
414. Tibetan Regional Confederation (Pre-1950)
415. Nepalese Tribal Confederation (Pre-Unification)
416. Afghan Tribal Loya Jirga Confederation
417. Arab Revolt Tribal Confederation (WWI)
418. United Arab Republic (Confederal Phase)
419. Federation of Arab Republics (Confederal Attempt)
420. Gulf Cooperation Council (Confederal Structure)
421. United Provinces of Central America
422. Peru-Bolivian Confederation
423. Gran Colombia (Confederal Phase)
424. Confederation of the Equator (Brazil)
425. Argentina Federal League (Liga Federal)
426. United States of Colombia (Confederal Structure)
427. Confederate States of America
428. New England Confederation (1643)
429. Articles of Confederation United States
430. Southern Indian Confederation (Red Stick War)
431. Plains Indian Wartime Confederacies
432. Western Apache Confederation
433. Navajo Tribal Confederation
434. Choctaw–Chickasaw Confederation

435. Pan-Indian Movement Confederation
436. Boxer Rebellion Confederated Militias
437. Taiping Heavenly Confederated Kingdom
438. Chinese United Front (Second Sino-Japanese War)
439. Vietnam Viet Minh Confederated Front
440. Algerian FLN Confederated Resistance
441. ANC–SACP Alliance Confederation
442. Pan-African Congress Confederated Movement
443. East African Community (Confederal Characteristics)
444. West Indies Federation (Confederal Phase)
445. United Arab Emirates (Federal-Confederal Structure)
446. Malaysia (Original Confederated Proposal)
447. Rhodesian Federation (Central African Federation)
448. South African Native Confederation Movements
449. Indian National Congress Provincial Confederation (Early Phase)
450. Muslim League Provincial Confederation (Pre-Partition)
451. Pakistan Tribal Areas Confederation
452. Bangsamoro Confederation Proposal
453. Papua New Guinea Tribal Confederations
454. Solomon Islands Tribal Confederation
455. Fijian Great Council Confederation Structure
456. Maori Tribal Confederation (King Movement)
457. Samoan Matai Confederation
458. Tongan Tribal Confederation (Pre-Unification)
459. Hawaiian Island Confederation (Pre-Kamehameha)
460. Caribbean Federation Proposal

461. Central African Economic and Monetary Community (Confederal Traits)
462. Southern African Development Community (Confederal Traits)
463. Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Confederal Traits)
464. South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (Confederal Traits)
465. BRICS (Confederal Economic Bloc Traits)
466. Non-Aligned Movement (Confederal Coalition Traits)
467. Arab League (Confederal Political League)
468. African Union (Confederal Characteristics Phase)
469. Organization of American States (Confederal Characteristics)
470. Organization of Islamic Cooperation (Confederal Structure)
471. Shanghai Cooperation Organization (Confederal Traits)
472. Economic Community of West African States (Confederal Traits)
473. Mercosur (Confederal Trade Structure)
474. Pacific Defense Coalition Confederation (Hypothetical)
475. North Atlantic Democratic Defense Confederation (Modern Proposal)
476. Arctic Security Confederation (Potential)
477. Pan-African Rapid Response Confederation (Modern Proposal)
478. Sahel Stabilization Confederation (Wartime Coalition)
479. Indo-Pacific Maritime Defense Confederation (Potential)
480. Cyber Defense Confederation of Democratic States (Modern Proposal)
481. Space Security Confederation (Future Wartime Alliance)
482. Latin American Democratic Defense Confederation (Potential)
483. Middle East Security Confederation (Post-Conflict Proposal)
484. East African Defense Confederation (Modern Proposal)
485. West African Counterterror Confederation (Wartime Coalition)
486. Central Asian Security Confederation (Potential)

487. South China Sea Maritime Confederation (Hypothetical)
488. European Strategic Autonomy Confederation (Defense Proposal)
489. North American Continental Defense Confederation (Modern Expansion Proposal)
490. Pan-Arctic Indigenous Defense Confederation (Modern Proposal)
491. Indian Ocean Security Confederation (Potential)
492. Baltic Regional Defense Confederation (Modern Wartime Structure)
493. Balkan Rapid Defense Confederation (Potential)
494. Caribbean Disaster & Defense Confederation (Modern Coalition)
495. Amazon Basin Security Confederation (Potential)
496. Red Sea Maritime Defense Confederation (Modern Proposal)
497. Southeast Asian Defense Confederation (Potential)
498. Pan-Islamic Defense Confederation (Modern Hypothetical)
499. Global Democratic Cyber Confederation (Wartime Structure)
500. Transcontinental Energy Security Confederation (Modern Proposal)