

POLSC 220 Comparative Politics

States and Identity

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Orvis / Drogus: Chapter 3, pp. 92 – 129.



The four identity statuses by James Marcia

- Foreclosure
 - a commitment is made without exploring alternatives.
 - based on parental ideas and beliefs that are accepted without question
- Identity Diffusion
 - neither explore nor make commitments
 - may become socially isolated and withdrawn
- Moratorium
 - in the midst of a crisis but whose commitments are either absent or are only vaguely defined
 - characterized by the active exploration of alternatives
- Identity Achievement
 - experienced a crisis, undergone identity explorations and made commitments.
 - from diffusion through moratorium to identity achievement