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Means of Subsistence and their Role in Social Formation in Prehistoric Ages

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ABSTRACT

The study seeks to investigate the different means of subsistence developed by our ancestors in prehistoric ages and their vital role in the existing social formations. It indicates that our ancestors had adopted two primary means of subsistence: hunting-gathering and food production. As a result, the early social formation emerged in simple forms consisting of small groups. In later periods, more complex social formations began to emerge as groups became bigger and rules of group membership became more structured and organized. In light of this, this study demonstrates that the social formation was highly intertwined with existing means of subsistence.

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