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Collective Killings during the Cultural Revolution: State-Policy Models Revisited

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ABSTRACT: In many rural communities during the Chinese Cultural Revolution in the 1960s, mass campaign escalated into events of extreme violence. Victims included women, children and elderly indentified by blood relations. Using a local archival source known as xianzhi, or County Gazetteers, this study charts the social and political geography of the killings in two southern provinces. The Chinese case will shed light on theoretical models common in the literature on genocide and mass killing.



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