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The Maharashtra Political Crisis: The Coalition that Mattered

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## **ABSTRACT**

The case talks about the peculiar chain of events involving the formation and reformation of pre-poll and postpoll alliances in the Indian state of Maharashtra in its Assembly Election of 2019. The pre-poll alliance was not honored by a smaller party, and through careful strategizing, that party came to power despite not being the biggest party. The question is, what allowed them to be so con\_dent throughout the bargaining process? Is there some theoretical concept that, if applied, can explain the superior bargaining power of the smaller party? This case is ideal to be taught over 90 minutes. It is important that the basics of Non-cooperative and Cooperative Game Theory including the ideas of Nash Equilibrium, Shapley Value, & Voting Power are already taught to the students before starting with this case.

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