Changing relative centrality of four categories of protest demands in the progression of the two cycles of contention

The cycle 1990-2001 was characterized by the growing share of the protests against economic policy, which became dominant at the peak of the cycle. In the 2004-2005 cycle, the key element was the fact that the protests against abuse of power, which had been marginal before, became dominant at its climax.

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Source: Protest events protagonisted by the popular sectors during the period 1985-2008, as reported by the two main national newspapers and entered in a database maintained by the Centro Andino de Acción Popular in Quito (CAAP).