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(Political Science-1)

Q_{N3} Is it correct to say that Machiavelli was an apostle of power politics?

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① Introduction

According to analysis by the top political analysts, it is pertinent to say that Machiavelli was an apostle of the power politics. As the concept of power politics emerged after his theory of the power politics that has changed the international political paradigm. That makes him the apostle of power politics.

② Understanding the term 'power politics'

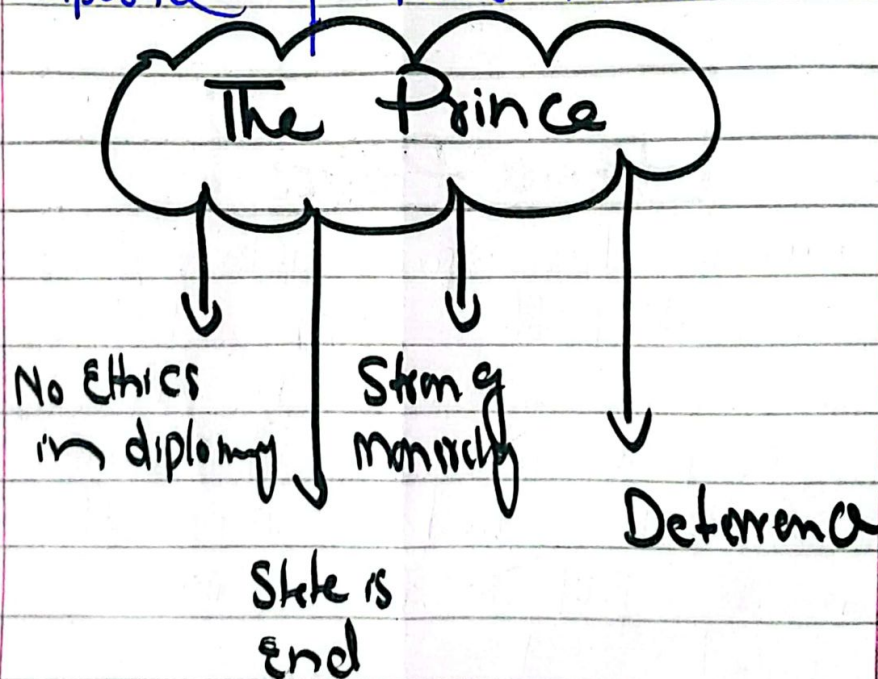
Power Politics

According to the Oxford's dictionary any form of politics that revolves around the power or to increase or get power through all possible means that is most usually related to the politics at the international level.

③ How it is correct to say that Machiavelli was the apostle of Power Politics?

Machiavelli was the only philosopher that gave the concept of the deterrence, preemptive strike, patriotic army and many more. All these concepts, he mentioned in his most famous book The Prince. That make him the apostle of power politics

④ The power politics theory of Machiavelli makes him the apostle of Power Politics



Critical Analysis of the Theory of Machiavelli, that is making him the apostle of Power Politics

S.1- Fox and Lion Strategy - A suggestion for the PM's

He suggested his France to be brave like lion and cunning like fox. There is no need to be brave always. That is followed by all the political leaders.

S.2- Crushing Hegemon by making alliance with small states - A trait of modern day Power Politics

Similarly, the era of Cold war is impeccable, where one side the USSR and other side the USA were making alliances

S.3- Concept of Pre-emptive Strikes in order to be in safe side

As that can be seen through

The U.S. pre-emptive strike in the War on Terror. A concept taken from the Force.

S.4 - Carrot and Stick Policy -
To keep masses happy and frightened

As, he suggested his prime always apply the Carrot and Stick policy, so that the rebellion can be crushed. Russia and China have adopted the same policy.

S.5 - Using any means for the interests of the State - Yet another power politics theme

Currently, no state is pursuing the ethical norms in the diplomacy. As India has been violating the UNO's resolutions regarding Kashmir.

S.6 - Considering the state as end - Above all the norms

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In Machiavelli, the state was the end and all other sources were mean. Irony, North Korea are some examples.

S.7- Subjugation of Church before the State and all powers are transferred to the Prince

This concept is borrowed from the concept of the Prince where he suggested his power to subjugate the Church. All western states have adopted the same policy.

S.8- Concept of Secularism - For the benefit of State

There is no involvement of religion in the politics of the state in order to strengthen the monarchy.

S.9- Sidelining of Ethical norms - As a tactic of diplomacy

Prince should not necessarily follow the ethics of the

obligatory if they are not
in the favour of the State.

S.10.- Strengthening of Monarchy
- by for the goal of
the stronger State

Similarly, he advocated for
the strong monarchy
where the king has an
absolute power

S.11- State must expand or
expire — A concept of
Power Politics

He also advised his
prince to always be ready
for expanding the territories
of the State.

S.12- All-alertness of the prince
even in the time of
Peace.

Even in the time of peace
the prince must remain active

Illustration through matrix that is making him the apostle of Power Politics

His Theory	Modern Day	Yes / NO
Preemptive Strike	USA's War on terror	Yes
No ethics in diplomacy	All western countries	Yes
Concept of Secularism	All western countries	Yes
Always At Odds	All nations of the world	Yes
Expanding of State	USSR's concept	Neutral effect
Concept of deterrence	All the states of world	Yes

Through analysis it can be said that Machiavelli was an apostle of Power Politics.

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Conclusion

In last, through
through inception of the
theory of the Power Politics
by Machiavelli, where he
has suggested ~~from~~ ^{different} strategies
and tactics to his prince to
follow in the politics. Therefore,
through that it can be said
that he was undoubtedly the
apostle of Power politics

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