

Political Science

The Prince resulted from Machiavelli concern with development and maintenance of Italian unity

1 Introduction:

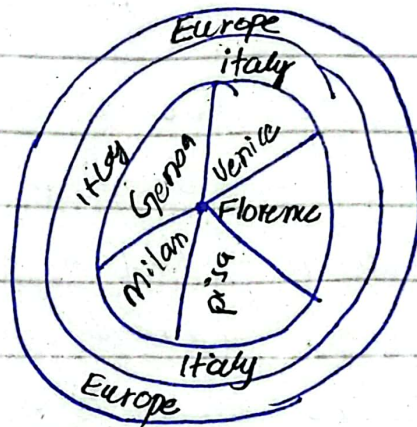
"Learn how not to be good, and to use this knowledge or not to use according to necessity"

The Prince
(Chapter XVII)

Machiavelli write his book "The Prince" to give a solution for the chaotic condition of Italy. In this book, he gave some important advices to prince for the development and maintenance of Italian Unity. He advise prince that separe politics from religion, must combine characteristic of lion and fox, favour despotic rule, maintain strong army and use double standard of morality. The main objective which describe in his book is that about the preservation of state, his position and power for maintenance and development of Italian unity.

2 Overview of Machiavelli's book "The Prince"

A book on art of statecraft which Machiavelli wrote for solution for the chaotic condition in Italy. Machiavelli was born in 1469 in Florence, a city state of Italy. At that time the city states of Italy were at war with each other.

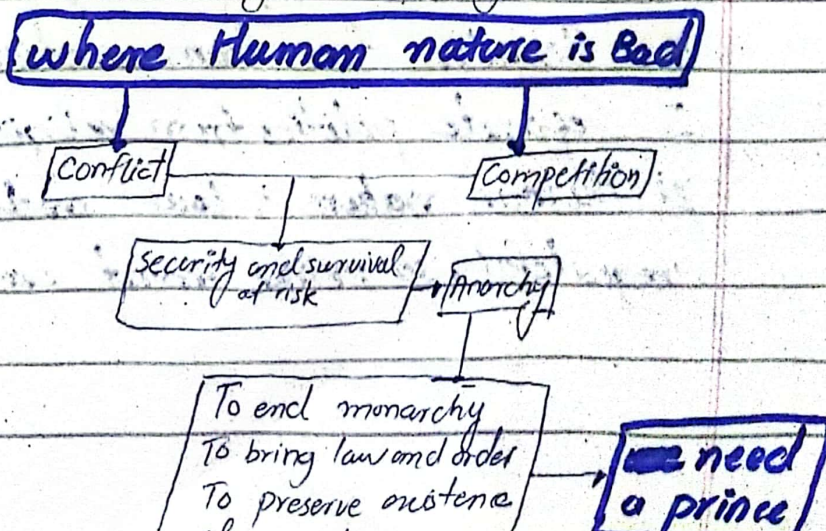


Till the 1494- Medici family ruled the Florence. It is overthrown in 1494 and Republic government starts. At the age of 29, Machiavelli starts his public life and appointed as second chancellor and secretary council of Ten war committee. He works as a diplomat 14 years - so he had closer look at the politics.

~~1915~~ In 1512 Medici family return to power again. In 1513, he was arrested due to accused that he involved in conspiracy against Medici family. He was free in second half and asked him that not involve in politics. He go to his ancestral village and start writing "The Prince" at time of 2nd half of 1513. Machiavelli wrote this book to give solution for the development and maintenance of the Italian unity.

3 For Italian Unit need a prince

In his book, Machiavelli gave the idea of princely. His view about human nature is that man is selfish, egoistic, Run away from danger.



4 Machiavelli's advices to Prince for Italian Unity

In his book,

"The Prince" Machiavelli gave the advices to prince for development and maintenance of prince. These advices are following

- i Machiavelli elaborates the doctrine of *Raison D'Etat* "Eat"
- ii State is Sovereign, autonomous and non-religious
- iii A prince must combine the qualities of lion and fox
- iv Use double standard of morality
- v Favour despotic rule
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- vii Maintain strong Army
- viii He should win popularity of people
- ix Remain free from emotions
- x Separate politics from religion
- xi Human nature is low and ungrateful, so prince must consider

i Machiavelli elaborate the doctrine of *Raison D'Etat*

Raison D'Etat mean that the reason of state. It implies the policies for the power of state. According to him the action takes for the preservation of state must be self sufficient, preserving and well order to maintain the state. Ethics and morality do not mingled with the state. state must be self sufficient mean have strong army.

ii State is self sufficient Sovereign and non-religious

According to him the state has sovereignty and the prince too are not bound to any kinds of moral and ethics features. Prince is above from all religious practice. Church or any other religious cannot control the prince. Prince is not bound to act in boundaries of religion. He can do anything for preservation of state.

(ii) A Prince must Combine the qualities of lion and fox

According to him, a prince must have qualities of lion and fox. The qualities of fox is necessary so that prince can act and think how to achieve his goal in any situation. The qualities of lion for prince is also necessary so that he ~~has~~ can use the force to achieve his goal. Both qualities is necessary and interlinked with each other so that prince must have force and use cunning techniques to achieve his goal.

(iv) Use double Standard of morality

The moral standard for the prince and the peoples are not same. The prince are not bound for the moral standard which are set for the society. He can use violence, bad manner for the preservation of state and power.

(v) Favoured despotic ruler

Michiavelli did not recommend the republic form of government because republic form of government require virtuous ethics and morality. According to him, Government is not made to punish the men because they do not follow God rules. It is produce because the men is insufficient. So the prince can use force and other mean and power to stop excessive desire of the people.

vi Human nature is low, ungrateful, so prince must consider it.

Michiavelli views about human is that man is selfish, have endless desire, egoistic, ungrate and always want dominant over others. He advise to prince that prince must know about human nature and take every action to analyze the people because men is ungratefull.

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Prince should try to win popularity of his people

He advise prince that prince must try to win the trust of his people. He advise him that he do not interfere the private matters and respect customs and tradition. He could not keep eye on wife or womens of any man. He do not involve in property matters because no one can bear this.

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Separate politics from religion

Before Machiavelli, medieval political philosophers think that religion is ^{not} separate from the state. it is base of state but Machiavelli strongly show opposition to this thoughts. According to him, the only way for the well being of state is in the pursuit of material life. Moral and religious consideration can not bind the prince.

ix Prince must be free from emotion

prince should exploit emotion for the welfare of state. he should be cool and have calculated approach. for the preservation of state. He must know that when and why he act like a beast for the development of state.

x Maintaining strong army for defence of state

He recommended constant military preparedness for the preservation of state. Prince should organize a strong army for security of state and also to meet any external and internal threat. The state should try to build his own independent faithful army and also try to give military training to every citizen.

Conclusion:

It is above in the mentioned explanation is that the Machiavelli write his book "The Prince" for the maintenance and development of Italy.

He knows that the solution for the chaotic condition of Italy is prince so he advise to prince how he can preserve state and work for the maintenance and development of Italy.

For this a prince must know about human nature, he separate religion from politics, use ^{dual} moral stand and try to know and become popular in his people. Only a prince can work for the preservation of state in Italy.