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# POLITICAL SCIENCE

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## WESTERN POLITICAL THOUGHTS

### PLATO

1: Critically Examine the Concept of Justice by Plato?

2: Plato's Contribution to history of Political thoughts?

### INTRODUCTION

- Plato was born in **May - June 428/27 BC.** in Athens in an Aristocratic thought not affluent family.
- **Father:** Ariston
- **Mother:** Perictione.
- **Original Name:** ~~Aristocles~~: (Best & Renowned)
- **Nick Name:** Broad & Strong shouldered known for his Crooked look & charming Disposition.

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• Excelled: In study of Music, Mathematics, & Poetry.

• Fought 3 wars won award of Bravery.

• Meet Socrates 407 BC at the age of 20.  
turning point of Plato's life

• In entire history of Political thoughts no thinker evoked the admiration, Reverence, & Criticism.

• Imp works:

1: Republic

380/370 BC

2: States Man

360 BC

3: The Law

350 BC

## PLATO'S WORK

Founder of Philosophical Idealism.

“ He was the first to formulate & define political ideas with large framework of Philosophical idea of Good.”

Main Ideas:

- Human Life.
- Human Soul
- Human Nature.

Last Year:

Spend last years of his life at academy:  
Teaching, Instructing, Died: 347 BC: Attending wedding festival of his student.

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either by Direct election and or Chosen  
by the elected representatives to act  
as Top Representative of Peoples.

"Those who tell stories Rule Society"

**President**: Most of Republic head of  
State called 'President'

- Power: president elected a lot of Political power.
- No-Power: Not lot of Direct Power - But important in legal system for other reasons.

Perfect Society: there would have to be justice.

## - Main & Ever Glawing Features.

- 1: The Dialogue form.
- 2: Justice
- 3: Relation of Justice with Greed & viture
- 4: Three Parts of Faculties of soul.
- 5: Class Division / Professional Specialization
- 6: Communism of Property & Family.
- 7: Rule by Philosophers
- 8: Feminism.
- 9: No Rights of People and no individual liberty
- 10: Education
- 11: Censorship & suppression of speech, Public Communication

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### Dialogue form.

- Public is work of Remarkable philosophical complexity.
- Dialogue: allow him explore concept
- One character: Certain roles.
- Socrates as cast philosopher.
- Characterise someone who has ascended the potential care & seeking to improve his wisdom
- Truth  $\propto$  Derived through Dialogue & Reasoning.

### 2: Justice:

- Subject matter of Republic.
- Some theories / wrong.
- Taking the state as human being
- Find justice in state before man.
- To make it easy to find in man.

"Definition of Justice links to Politics, ethics, to Good & virtue on one hand"

### Classes Ideal State:

- Professional Specialization
- Rule by Philosopher.
- equality of man & women.

All features  $\propto$  logically interconnected.

### Three Parts OF Faculties OF Soul.

- In a fine long Discussion
- Plato proves the Soul of every male & female human being is like 3 story buildings.

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**1: Rational PART.**

Home of reason & wisdom.

**2: Spirited Part.**

Reside Courage, love of Fame & Glory.

**3: Appetitive Part:**

lives the love of worldly goods & wealth.

*"Writing is a Geometry of Soul"*

Whole Personality of every male & female human being is pre-dominated by part of his/her soul.

**Class Division & Professional Specialization.**

**3 Class Divisions:**

**Producers.**

All the male/female citizens who are predominating by appetitive part of their soul.

merchant's, trades, farmers, shopkeepers & other.

need & allow private property & family.

**Auxiliary Class.**

" " " predominated by spirited part

Military officers, Soldiers & Administrators.

**Ruler's  
philosophers.**

Predominated by rational part → few num from GUARDIAN Class. in P. Ruler.

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There are three classes of man.

- loves of wisdom,

- loves of honor

∩ - love of Crain.

## COMMUNISM OF PROPERTY AND FAMILY.

Plato's Arguments: (In support of his new social order)

- Private property + Family = Source of Corruption in Society.

If Guardians ever acquire private property + family  $\Rightarrow$  householders.

They would not be in the position to devote their full time to (Public Duties + Affairs) state.

hence Political Power + economic power = separate hands.



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## COMMUNISM

### PROPERTY

- Guardian Class : • Fixed Salaries → sufficient to meet their annual expenses. no - more than that.
- Common brackets - like Sabel's.
- Common Road common mess.
- No Competition for Political Power.
- Desire to ~~such~~ a power for economic welfare.

• Plato want to maintain state as favourable size & population by best of children produced FAMILY, by man & women in prime)

- System of Common ownership for women by Ruling Class.
- Neither Marriages. nor any form of monogamous.
- union among man + women in R. class.
- Mating & Sexual inter-course is Periodic
- Citizen shall select women for excellent stock.
- Should know theft own child & not any child his own parents

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"Philosopher king should be Ruler."

**Kalipolis:** Beautiful city Just a city  
where political Ruler depend upon  
knowledge:-

"Ruled by knowledge not Power  
Power make up of political activity"

## PLATO'S ARGUE

Specific Education for few: which become Philosopher.

- Chamber of commons elite school: Eton + Oxford.  
runing U.K.
- Chamber of lords: Senate: In bicameral system.  
expects: check law, amend,

## FEMINISM

- Also silent feature of an ideal state.
- women enjoy full equality with man  
in all of 3 classes.
- **Revolutionary Purposes:** Function of Creativeness  
perform by both.
- Private household. institution of marriages abolish.

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- Guardians don't own property. communal responsibility.

## Theory of Justice.

- Plato give v. important place to idea of Justice.
- Use Greek word: **Dikaisyne**, for Justice.

“Justice is Quality of Soul.”  
**Sub-Title:** **Concern of Justice.**

“Human behaviour's flow from 3 main sources”

- Desire
- Emotions
- knowledge.

## Main Arguments:

- Search out nature & location of Justice.
- He locate principle of Justice with the help of ideal state.

**Wisdom:** Create ideas.

**Courage:** because its warrior's become were brave, self disciplined, harmony.

Justice based upon inner nature of human spirit

## Education system?

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✓ "For Plato ideal state was ideal of which justice were reality"

✓ "It is also triumph of stronger over weaker for its protects the weaker against stronger"

## A Justice State.

- In a Justice state or society.
- The Ruler's & Military.
- In such a society Ruler are wise.
- Soldiers are Brave.
- & Producers exercise self control & Temperance.
- Justice is a moral concept.
- Justice is a bond hold society together.

## 3 faculties in an individual.

|                     |                    |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Reason : (Wisdom)   | Guardian           |
| Courage : (Spirit)  | Represent warriors |
| Appetite : (Desire) | Artisans.          |

## Criticism

Several criticism of Platonic theory.

- Based on self control & self obligation.
- Divide in 3 states : not applicable to modern
- state with large population & numerous interests.
- Political power hand of philosopher.