

Is it correct to call Machiaveli a citizen of all states and cotemporary of all ages? substantiate your answer with arguments.

Answer

1.

Introduction

Niccolo Machiaveli, a renaissance political theorist, is considered as a citizen of all states and cotemporary of all ages, due to his universal applicability of his philosophy. Machiaveli, born in Florence in 1469, broke away all the medieval's traditional views. He was of the view

that state is not an ethical end; but an end in itself. It is not the duty of the state to ~~prop~~ promote morality. As state, according to him, is an end, so end justify everything. He emphasized pragmatic politics, human nature, and power which make scholars and leaders to view him as a thinker whose insights are applicable in contemporary world.

2. Timeless Nature of Power Politics

Niccolo Machiavelli's assertion that a ruler adopt any measure to retain and expand power is relevant

to both historical and contemporary world's power politics. For instance, the rule of Napoleon Bonaparte, who strategically expand his empire subordinates ethics to power.

Similarly, in contemporary world, Vladimir Putin has the same insights like of Machiaveli. Putting it briefly, due to timeless nature of power politics he often considers as a citizen of all ages and contemporary world

(Skinner, Machiaveli: A very short Introduction)

3) Universal Appeal of Real Politik

Machiavelli's pragmatic approach to politics and his principles have resonated in historical as well as contemporary world. He prioritized practical approach and politics rather than idealism. Otto von Bismarck's unification of Germany epitomized Machiavellian tactics in pursuing national interest.

This principles of Machiavelli were emphasizing the strategic importance of alliances as well, which, in contemporary world is adopting by xi-jinping.

4. Adaptability Across Political system

Machiavelli's principles not only restricted to a single

political system, but reflect in monarchies, democracies, and totalitarian regimes alike.

His politics of 'divide and rule' and public manipulation political strategies can be observed from Imperial

Rome to contemporary world.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan (Turkey) has skillfully manipulated public opinion through media control to maintain his power through his ability to sway the masses while pursuing an authoritarian agenda.

5. Human Nature's Constancy

Machiavelli's cynical view about the human nature, self-oriented and ambitious.

still exists in numerous leaders through ages (Strauses.

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6. Military and National Security Strategies

Machiaveli's principles of absolute power through force has remain prevailed in historical regime withal the contemporary world. As, according to him, power and force should be the quality of prince or ruler to maintain the regime of peace. Therefore, countries invest heavily in their defense and military strategies to safeguard national interests, a direct reflection of Machiavelli's teachings.

(Mansfield · Machiavelli's
Virtue)

7. Corruption of political power

Machiavelli's writings on political inherent corruption can be observed in contemporary world and in history as well. Machiavelli was of the view that while leaders might be engaged in immoral acts, like power through force, but they should always refrain from corruption. This principle has been adopted by Israeli leader Benjamin Netanyahu in the fulfillment of his Israeli public's interests.

8) Balance Between Fear and Love in Governance

The idea that it is better for a ruler to be feared than loved, as this principle has been adopted by Kim Jong of North Korea, but ideally both should be balanced to maintain the ruler's regime.

(Cor. Machiavelli and Political Leadership)

9) Learning War Tactics During the Time of Peace

The principle of Machiavelli that a leader should focus on learning new war

factics even in the time of peace has been successfully followed by both historical leaders and the leaders of the current century.

10) Philosophical Influence Across Centuries

philosophers like Hobbes and later political theorists have drawn from Machiavelli's thought, influencing political doctrines across centuries, providing his contemporary relevance.

(Berlin, The proper study of mankind)

11) Conclusion

In conclusion, the above discussion about the

Machiavelli's principles about its presence in democratic, aut totalitarism, and monarchic political system, and its universal applicability in all eras are emphasizing the idea that 'he is the citizen of all ages'. Similarly, these components of discussion are proving that his philosophy has been followed through centuries to contemporary world.

