

LECTURE / DISCUSSION / DEBATE
LEADERSHIP DYNAMICS, EXECUTIVE OFFICES, BUREAUCRACIES
AND CONFUCIUS

Terms and concepts to know:

<i>The Prince / Leviathan</i>	Weberian models
Charismatic leadership	Traditional leadership
Legal-Rational leadership	Executive “prerogative”
Parliamentary executive	Presidential executive
Nonconstitutional executives	“Colonel Dunlap’s Coup”
Bureaucracy	Weber’s “Legal-Rational” Bureaucracy
Jackson / Wilson / Lowi	The Japanese model
Public Choice theory	Political appointees v. career personnel
Confucius	<i>The Analects</i>
Humanism v. metaphysics	<i>Ming</i> (Decree of Heaven)
<i>Tao</i> (the Way)	Mencius and Hsun-tzu

Study and discussion questions:

1. Discuss the philosophies of Machiavelli and Hobbes. How do each of their theories on human nature affect their ideas on leadership?
2. Discuss the three Weberian notions of leadership. Which do you think is the best model for choosing our own leaders? What does Heineman say about charismatic leadership, and do you think we choose many of our leaders according to this criterion?
3. Examine the differences between parliamentary and presidential systems of executive leadership. Of the two, which seem more democratic and accountable?
4. Moss Roberts makes the point that Confucianism seems to create “ideological insecurity” in westerners in general and Americans in particular. What accounts for this insecurity according to the author? Is any of it justified?
5. Examine the problems that exist in bureaucracies such as the State Department, which have both political appointees and career civil servants. What are the advantages and disadvantages of such a system?
6. Discuss Confucius’ theory of the universe, theory on human nature, his diagnosis of what is wrong with us and his prescription for putting things right. What do you think about his philosophy? Could it work in our culture? Why or why not?
7. Critically discuss some of the problems with Confucian philosophy, such as his conservatism, his position on women, and his refusal to go beyond “utilitarian” matters. Are these criticisms justified? Why or why not?

Readings:

Heineman. *Political Science*, Chapters 12, 13.
Stevenson/Haberman. *Twelve Theories of Human Nature*, Chapter 1.

Video: *Confucianism in Modern Society*.