



Early and Modern Politics

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The art of politics can be divided into several points. Politics tackles on the realm of state affairs, psychology, physiology, the legal system, religion, science, economics and leadership. Generally, the concept of politics can be traced back to the behavior within v...

arious institutions. It involves the relationship behind power and authority. Of course, politics should value the power of the people and the voice of the public. Hence, it creates and makes decisions which are based on public welfare.

Politics can be traced back to Greek period; in fact the world politics came from a Greek word "Politika". During that time, politics was modeled after Aristotle's writings. Greek politics involves the meeting of favored middleclass individuals. Most of the members in Greek politics came from powerful families and famous aristocrats. The origins of politics started right after the creation of states. States were founded through violent warfare. Countries such as Japan and China created states after conquering various lands. Once the lands are conquered, emperors will be placing various individuals in order to rule the states. The individuals often came from a list of generals and several feudal lords. Of course, those favored by the emperor will also have the power to control various states.

Along with the divine right of the emperor, his council controlled most of the lands. The council of the emperors, which has started in 2100 BC, was the first types of politicians. They were the foundation of a constitutional government. The emperors stated several rules to his council in order to preserve traditional beliefs and in order to set the kingdoms into a rule of kingship based on heredity. The emperors also required councils to collect tithes and taxes in order to facilitate in the development of the country. Most of the wealth of the citizens were used to pay for war campaigns and for the creation of various infrastructures.

Many countries have practiced this kind of political setting. Kings ruled states through earls, counts, dukes and lords. Earls were considered as the favored in Scotland and in England. They are the ones who collect taxes for the king and they also protect the states from any crimes or any wars. The taxes which were collected in such states were considered as tributes for the king.

After various religious and political struggles, the powers of the emperors were limited and the people started a voting system in order to elect their leaders. Kings were still favored in most countries yet the only have minor powers compared to senators and appointed ministers. This is the start of a democratic based government. This is how the political setting is today and how most countries appoint their leaders.

Questions:

- 1) What is the Greek word for politics?
- 2) The first council of emperors started when?
- 3) What are some countries which created states after conquest?
- 4) Are you in favor of the democracy? Why?
- 5) The taxes collected by kings were used in?