

Political Science Lecture 7

F. Fukuyama

- Claim of the end of history
- Liberal democracy and market capitalism have prevailed
- After the cold war will be routine and predictable.
- Future politics will devolve around resolving routine economic and technical problems.
- Western liberal democracy will prevail as the final form of human government
- There are powerful reasons to believe this will be the ideal system
- According to Fukuyama we have reached end game
- Have to create the right conditions for the expression of freedom
- This is possibly the most difficult “waltz” in political science
- Evolution of humanity:
 - Prehuman
 - Agricultural
 - Industrial
 - Theory of modernisation
- Intellectual “dead end” of 3 main ideologies of the 19-20th centuries
 - Fascism 1945
 - Communism/socialism 1991
 - Nationalism - Still a work in progress, we believe in the divinity of “Nation States”
 - Variation of 3: e.g. Religion fundamentalism
- The death of nationalism
 - Men will no longer be willing to die for a god, flag, or idea.
 - Peace and happiness will prevail; but how dreadful it will all be.
- Men will be denatured, domesticated, despoiled
 - Similar to the domestication of dogs.
- Claim to the end of history suggests
 - Radical social and political change has reached a dialectical conclusion
 - Economic context - globalization of neo-liberal capitalism
 - Status quo - problematic social relations to remain
 - Limited capacity for producing social justice.

Huntington:

- “The clash of civilizations and the remaking of world order”
 - Huntington polemicized against fukuyama “One world: euphoria and harmony”
- Huntington rejects a number of models of contemporary history
 - A “realist” model that nation-states are primary players on the world scene who will continue to form alliances and coalitions that will play themselves out in various conflicts
 - A “Chaos” model that detects no discernible order or structure.

- Huntington asserts that the contemporary world is articulated into competing civilizations that are based on irreconcilable different cultures and religion
- For huntington, culture provides unifying and integrating principles of order and cohesion, and from dominant cultural formations emerge civilizations that are likely to come into conflict with each other.
- Candidates for the cultural clash are islamic countries, china, russia, and the west.
- "huntington" doesn't know the difference between a fault line, civilization, and religion??
Thinks india has one main religion(?)
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