

This second section focuses on governing those aforementioned principalities and ways a prince can gain his position of power. Firstly, a principality can be governed by a prince and his nobles or ministers. Machiavelli says that using nobles is effective for maintaining power because nobles have influence over their subjects. That is symbolized by the bottom right

photo where the prince is commanding other nobility. Also, by governing through ministers, a prince may find it difficult to conquer other states as ministers have less incentive. That is symbolized by the top right picture where the prince is

discussing with his ministers. Next, Machiavelli talks about how to acquire principalities- either through military, fortune, crime, or civil means. The top left picture depicts the prince being surrounded by soldiers or people which symbolizes acquisition through civil or military means. Civil means include being chosen by the

people or nobles to rule over them. If he is chosen by nobles, his position is more difficult because he must please the nobles. On the other hand, if citizens choose him as this ruler, his job is easier as citizens mostly want to be left alone. The bottom left picture depicts the prince emerging from a treasure chest in a devious manner which symbolizes the prince acquiring the principality through

using other's fortune or crime. A Prince can get into power if he can bribe others or revive favors from powerful people. This type of Prince is the least powerful because he likely doesn't have any merits and can be an ineffective ruler. Finally, a Prince can achieve power through

criminal means, but he will never be respected by the people because his acts are too cruel.

