

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. 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 his fortune or crime.

