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a)

Political theory is the combination of two Greek words. “Political” means people or state. On the other hand, “Theory” means explanation or analysis of something. So, political theory is mainly the explanation and analysis of politics or anything that connected with term politics.

Plato and Aristotle were the Greek philosophers. They had different theories about politics.

In Plato’s Republic he introduced people with 5 types of government. Which are: Aristocracy, it is the government by the ideal people. Timocracy is the government by the people who have honor. Oligarchy is by the reach people. Democracy is the government which is selected by the poor people and the last one is Tyranny, which is the worst kind of government and there is no rules and regulations. Plato was an idealist. Plato always tried to established an ideal world. Plato believes that, in an ideal state everyone has to be 100% perfect. State should lead by the best and ideal people and to build justice, philosophers should rule the world, braves are for defending, farmers and artisans are for providing clothes and food. In the Ideal state of Plato, one should get rid of his property and family. Because they are the main reasons of conflict. All the people of the society should transcend human selfishness and they have to build a social unity and thus an Ideal state will be established.

Aristotle was a realist. He believed only those matter that are real and he criticized Plato’s Idealism as unrealistic. He classified the government in term of the normal, perverted and the number of rulers and they are Monarchy, Aristocracy, Polity. Aristotle believed in the polity or constitutional government. Which is mixture of democracy and oligarchy. According to him, middle class people are more perfect for leading the society. Because they can be a golden mean between poor and rich. In his theory he wanted to design a government which acknowledges selfishness and the society will be balanced where rich and poor will be equal. Everyone can own private property and family. Aristotle always wanted to design a government that actually work in real.

b)

Between the theory of Plato and Aristotle, I prefer the theory of Aristotle cause Aristotle’s theory is more logical.

In the theory of Plato, the society is ideal. Every people of the society are pure and perfect. Philosopher kings will lead the society. There will be no private property, cause private property creates selfishness and in Plato’s society everyone should transcend human selfishness. So, there will be no rivalry or conflict in the society.

On the other hand, Aristotle was a realist. He always believed in reality. In his theory, the middle class people will lead the society. Aristotle prefers Polity which is the mixture of Democracy and Oligarchy. In his theory every one can have private property and family. He acknowledges the human selfishness and there will be balancedness in his society.

So, according to Plato, the state will be ideal but in real life no one is 100% pure and perfect. We live in a real world and it is impossible to create a perfect society or state where everyone is perfect. There will be no private property or family. No one wants to live in a state where there is no private property. Moreover, man is a social being. We can not live without a proper family. So, if we think about this, we can say that the Aristotle’s realism is more valid and logical. In his theory he criticized the Plato’s Idealism. In his state every one can have private property or family. In Plato’s theory he said to transcend human selfishness. But selfishness is a part of human we can not ignore it. For that Aristotle said to acknowledge human selfishness. Plato preferred Aristocracy where philosopher kings or bests are ideal for ruling whereas Aristotle preferred Polity. It doesn’t mean that it’s the best, he recognized people with the government which is best for the current situation. I think this is more plausible. Furthermore, Aristotle’s state is more balanced where both rich and poor can’t dominate each other. In his theory middle class should lead the state. Because, middle class can interact with both rich and poor. I found that logical cause he gave the chance and priority to the middle class people. Besides, Aristotle wanted a working government, I think which is very much important in a real world.

So, from the discussion above I found that Aristotle’s theory was more realistic and logical.

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