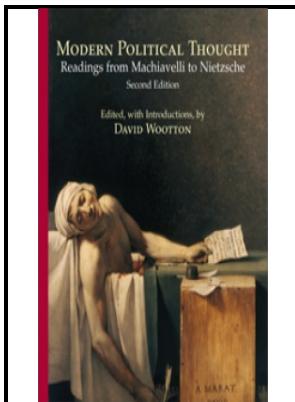


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In the second place, the ancient Greek thinkers, it is said, drew a difference between legitimate use of power and indiscriminate use of power or application of force. The constitution of the Laws sets out an elaborate system of checks and balances designed to ensure that all officials adhere strictly to the laws 767e, 928b, 946d—947e; see Morrow : 549—52.

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In the end, however, some theorists, notably Marcuse, wondered whether the forces tending to promote ideological conformity in modern capitalist societies had so compromised the perceptions and reasoning powers of most individuals that no rational would ever be effective. The sailors, who represent the orators and politicians, do their utmost to persuade the master to turn over the helm to them so that they can consume the ship's stores. According to Aristotle there should be two kind of justice: 1.

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Thus, their conception of government is symptomatic of the class-based authority—aristocracy. The Cambridge History of Greek and Roman Political Thought. When several villages are united in a single community, perfect and large enough to be quite self-sufficing, the state comes into existence, originating in the bare needs of life and continuing in existence for the sake of good life.

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Adeimantus objects that this is unfair to the rulers and auxiliaries: Socrates is depriving them of a happy life, even though they make the greatest contribution to the city's welfare. Bribes and other kinds of illegal gratification should be made quite impossible to accept.

Political Theories of Decolonization

A government that fails to abide by the contract can be declared invalid, and be legitimately overthrown by its people. This blueprint or model is described in Plato's best-known work, the Republic. We will then turn to Plato's masterpiece, the Republic, and consider his model of an ideal constitution.

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