

Lecture #2: Dev. of the Modern State (cont'd) and Intro to Comparative Politics

I. Different approaches (and, sometimes, ideologies and dogmas)

A. Aristotle/Machiavelli typology: Rule by the-

1. One (autocracy)
2. Few (oligarchy);
3. Many (republic [democracy])

B. Different definition and types of “isms”!

1. Regimes
2. Ideologies
3. Political movements
4. Political parties

II. Three kinds of modern states:

A. Liberal Democracy (Dahl: “Polyarchy”)

1. Countries (besides the USA)?

B. Fascism (right-wing)

2. Countries (and dictators)?

C. Communism (left-wing)

3. Countries (and dictators)?

Ideal types of (B) and (C) are TOTALITARIAN

D. Totalitarianism vs. Authoritarianism

1. Countries and dictators? (past and present)
2. Key differences between

III. Dahl’s Graph: Comparing regimes/societies

- A. Contestation
- B. Participation
- C. Definitive models at corners
- D. From left to right/bottom to top = progression towards modernity?