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What Makes a Good Ruler

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Background: The Prince by Machiavelli demonstrates a great emphasis on politics. The main concern in The Prince is how to make a ruler survive in terms of rulership, while morals come second in priority according to the philosopher. The Prince has some ambiguity when it comes to preparing and even making a good ruler, and it needs to be broken into smaller pieces.

Objectives:An answer to the question of the philosophy behind Machiavelli's suggestions about what makes a good ruler?

Methods: In the research paper, the differences between technicality and morality will be highlighted before moving onto other points. Then, we will examine Machiavelli's main intention of writing the Prince to determine which side between morals and technicals he concentrates on, in order to uncover the truth about Machiavelli's intentions. Lastly, other scholars' opinions will be implemented to expand the discussion further on Machiavelli's philosophy and his book the Prince.

Results: Reserving a long stay in power is what Machiavelli wanted to achieve for a ruler, no matter how much evil thought it could illustrate.

Conclusion: the philosophy of "not being good" is in the terms of un-prioritizing morals so a ruler may rule longer.

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