

## Book Review

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### ABSTRACT

This book, the 20 Political Perspectives, allows readers to know and understand different political views based on western philosophers and theorists, all of which have reflected thoughts, beliefs, and political evolution that are in some ways similar and different. These elements, i.e., thoughts, beliefs, and political evolution, come from those well-known persons from very old times to this present period.

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‘The 20 Political Perspectives’ is a book which compiles political views from well-known philosophers and theorists from the past to the present as follows: 1. Marcus Tullius Cicero (106-43 BC) had a political idea to uphold the Rule of Law principle. 2. Aristotle (384-322 BC), the Father of Political Science, the man who stood for democratic politics. 3. Plato (428/427-348/347 BC) placed the emphasis on political and social justice. 4. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) politically believed that humans are social beings that live in a community and interacts with its other members. 5. Thomas More (1478-1535) the man who had the communist attitude. 6. Niccolò Machiavelli (1469-1527) had the idea that autocracy was the best form of government. 7. Jean Bodin (1530-1596) believed in absolute sovereignty. 8. Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679) promoted that monarchy is the best form of government. 9. John Lock (1632-1704) had the political idea of the social contract. 10. Montesquieu (1689-1755) placed the emphasis on the use of law as administrative principles. 11. David Hume (1711-1776) was an English philosopher who placed importance on the republic governing system. 12. Jean-Jacques Rousseau (1712-1778) had the political notion of the social contract established by citizens and leaders. 13. Edmund Burke (1729-1797) believed in the constitutional government. 14. Jeremy Bentham (1748-1832) came up with the government interest concept. 15. Henri de Saint-Simon (1760-1825), a French political, had the political view about the communism. 16. Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel (1770-1831) represented the notion of nationalism. 17. John Stuart Mill (1806-1873) was a pro- utilita-

rianism. 18. Karl Marx (1818-1883) had a political view on the notion of communism. 19. Vladimir Lenin (1883-1924) also had a political view on the communism concept. 20. Benito Mussolini (1883-1945) was a man with a far-right politics view.

**Purpose :** The book intends to impart basic knowledge of the political perspectives of 20 western philosophers and theorists.

The bottom line is that this book has reflected distinctively political perspectives such as thoughts, beliefs, and theories of those well-known persons. This is to allow readers to learn and understand the different political views from the past to the present.

**Implications:** The '20 Political Perspectives', as the name implies, offers a twofold dimension as 1. Politics and government; and 2. The policy decision in which readers can adapt political principles to suit your situation.