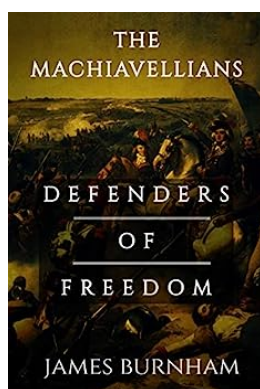


# The Machiavellians: Defenders of Freedom

Imagine a world where political power is used not only for self-interest but also for the betterment of society. A world where leaders cunningly navigate the complex web of politics to protect and enhance our freedoms. Enter the Machiavellians - a group of political strategists, renowned for their ability to manipulate the system in pursuit of national interest and individual freedom.

The term "Machiavellian" is derived from Niccolo Machiavelli, an Italian philosopher and diplomat from the Renaissance era. Machiavelli believed that political leaders must be ready to do whatever it takes to maintain power and secure the interests of their state.

Although Machiavelli's ideas were controversial and often seen as morally questionable, his influence over political tactics cannot be denied. The Machiavellians embody this mindset, employing cunning strategies to protect and secure the freedom and independence of their nations.



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## **Understanding the Machiavellian Approach**

A central aspect of the Machiavellian approach is the understanding that in the world of politics, ends often justify the means. These defenders of freedom are not constrained by conventional moral limitations, but rather focus on achieving long-term political goals that safeguard the rights and liberties of their citizens.

The Machiavellians are skilled at identifying and exploiting power dynamics within the political landscape. They meticulously analyze the interests of various stakeholders, both domestically and internationally, to devise strategies that maximize their nation's advantages. These strategies may involve strategic alliances, diplomatic negotiations, or even covert operations if necessary.

## **Examples of Machiavellian Defenders of Freedom**

Throughout history, there have been several notable figures who embody the Machiavellian ideals in their pursuit of freedom and security. One such figure is Franklin D. Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States.

Roosevelt, commonly known as FDR, skillfully navigated the tumultuous waters of the Great Depression and World War II. He understood the importance of projecting strength while balancing domestic interests, forming alliances, and executing military strategies to defend the freedom of not just America but the world at large.

Another example of a Machiavellian defender of freedom is Winston Churchill, the legendary British Prime Minister. Churchill's unwavering determination and astute

political maneuvers played a crucial role in securing victory for the Allied forces during World War II.

Churchill's masterful use of rhetoric and his ability to galvanize public opinion were unmatched. Through his inspiring speeches and strategic decision-making, he not only defended the freedom of the British people but also became a symbol of resistance against totalitarian regimes.

## **Contemporary Machiavellian Defenders of Freedom**

While Machiavellian tactics are deeply rooted in history, they continue to shape modern politics. In today's world, leaders like Angela Merkel, the Chancellor of Germany, and Lee Hsien Loong, the Prime Minister of Singapore, exemplify the Machiavellian approach to governance.

Angela Merkel, known for her pragmatism, has skillfully navigated the European political landscape, especially during the Eurozone crisis. Her strategic decisions and negotiation skills have steered Germany through turbulent times, ensuring stability and protecting the freedom of her nation.

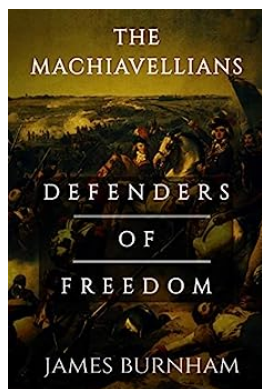
Lee Hsien Loong, on the other hand, has taken a proactive approach to safeguarding the freedom of Singapore. Despite the nation's small size and limited resources, he has transformed Singapore into a thriving global hub, securing economic stability and creating opportunities for his citizens.

## **Criticism and Ethical Questions**

While the Machiavellians' approach to defending freedom is often effective, it has not been without its critics. Critics argue that such tactics can lead to an erosion of ethical principles, sacrificing transparency and accountability for the sake of political expediency.

Furthermore, the focus on realpolitik can potentially undermine the idealistic aspirations of democracy and human rights. The pursuit of power, by any means necessary, can overshadow the pursuit of justice and the well-being of citizens.

In a world where the pursuit of freedom and power coexist, the Machiavellians play a crucial role. Their strategic calculations and unorthodox methods may be controversial, but they ultimately aim to defend and enhance the freedoms we enjoy. Whether we agree with their approach or not, the Machiavellians force us to question the limits of political strategies in safeguarding our liberties.



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THIRD FISHERMAN: Master, I marvel how the fishes live in the sea.

FIRST FISHERMAN: Why, as men do a-land; the great ones eat up the little ones.

Pericles, Prince of Tyre

A classic work of political theory and practise, this book makes available an account of the modern Machiavellians, a remarkable group who have been influential in Europe and practically unknown in the United States: Gaetano Mosca, Georges Sorel, Robert Michels and Vilfredo Pareto. In addition, there is a long section on Machiavelli himself.

James Burnham contends that the writings of these men hold the key both to the truth about politics and to the preservation of political liberty.

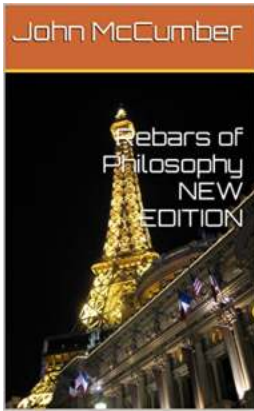
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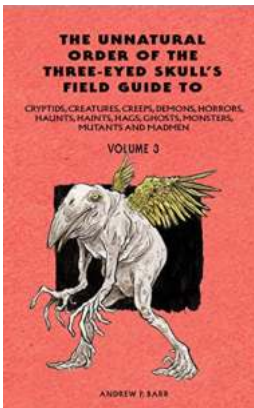
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James Burnham was an American popular political theorist. Burnham was a radical activist in the 1930s and an important factional leader of the American Trotskyist movement. In later years, as his thinking developed, he left Marxism and turned to conservatism, serving as a public intellectual of the conservative movement. He also wrote regularly for the conservative publication National Review on a variety of topics.



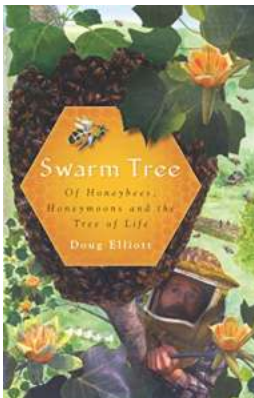
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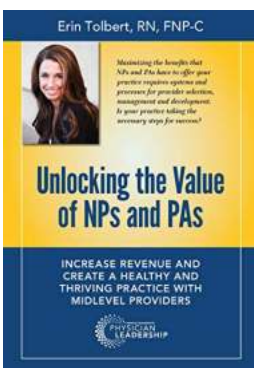
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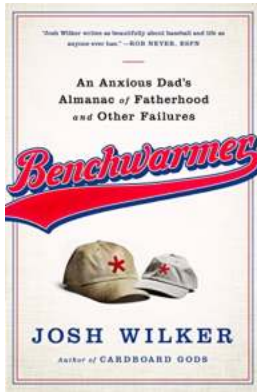
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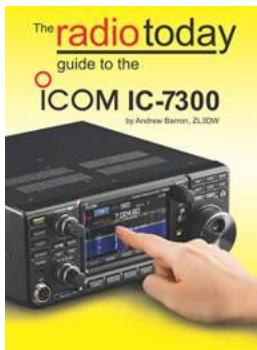
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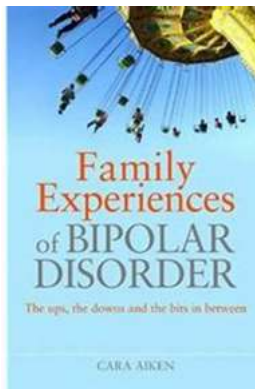
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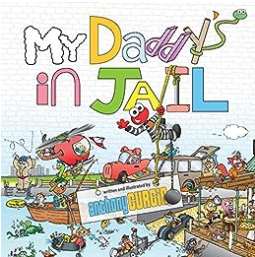
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