

INTRODUCTION OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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MEANING OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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- ◉ Traditional view point-: political science is the study of state and government and the study of various aspects of the state and government is its subject matter.

- ◉ Modern view point-: the modern thinkers have brought all such activities under the scope of political science which are concerned with power, influence authority, shaping and sharing of power etc and with all this the scope of political science has become quit vast. Today all the political activities, from individual upto the world have become the subject matter of political science.

SCOPE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ACCORDING TO TRADITIONAL POINT OF VIEW

- ◉ Study of state
- ◉ Study of the past of the state
- ◉ Study of the present of the state
- ◉ Study of the future of the state
- ◉ Study of the government
- ◉ Study of international relations and organizations
- ◉ Study of the man as a political being
- ◉ Study of political ideologies

SCOPE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ACCORDING TO TRADITIONAL POINT OF VIEW

- ◉ Study of political parties
- ◉ Study of pressure groups
- ◉ Study of rights and duties
- ◉ Study of the electoral system
- ◉ Study of law

SCOPE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ACCORDING TO TRADITIONAL POINT OF VIEW

Study of political system

Study of power

Study of influence

Study of leadership

Study of the authority

Study of authoritative allocation of values

Study of problems and conflict

SCOPE OF POLITICAL SCIENCE ACCORDING TO TRADITIONAL POINT OF VIEW

- ◉ Study of who gets what when and how
- ◉ Study of decision making process
- ◉ Study of the political behaviour of an individuals
- ◉ Study of political culture
- ◉ Study of political socialization
- ◉ Study of comparative government and politics

DISTINCTION BETWEEN POLITICAL THEORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

- ◉ **Meaning of Political Theory** It is a branch of political science under which scientific analysis is made of political institutions, political events and political facts etc. it is not concerned with the explanation of the facts only, rather its purpose is also to draw some conclusion after making the analysis of political events, political institutions, political system and political behaviour etc on the basis of which we can visualise of an ideal state, ideal government and other ideal institutions.

DISTINCTION BETWEEN POLITICAL THEORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

- ◉ Political science is an independent subject whereas political theory is a branch of it
- ◉ Political theory is the so what? Department of political science
- ◉ Difference in their subject matter
- ◉ Political theory makes political science a science
- ◉ Difference in their method of study

DISTINCTION BETWEEN POLITICAL THEORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

- ◉ Political science has many branches whereas political theory has none
- ◉ Political is institutional study whereas political theory is conceptual study
- ◉ The study of political science is analytical whereas the study political science is explanatory
- ◉ Theory building is the field of political theory not political science

CONCLUSION

There is no doubt that there are many differences between political science and political theory, but there is as close relationship between these two as there is between body and soul. Through political theory is not an independent subject, yet we can certainly call it the soul of political science.

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