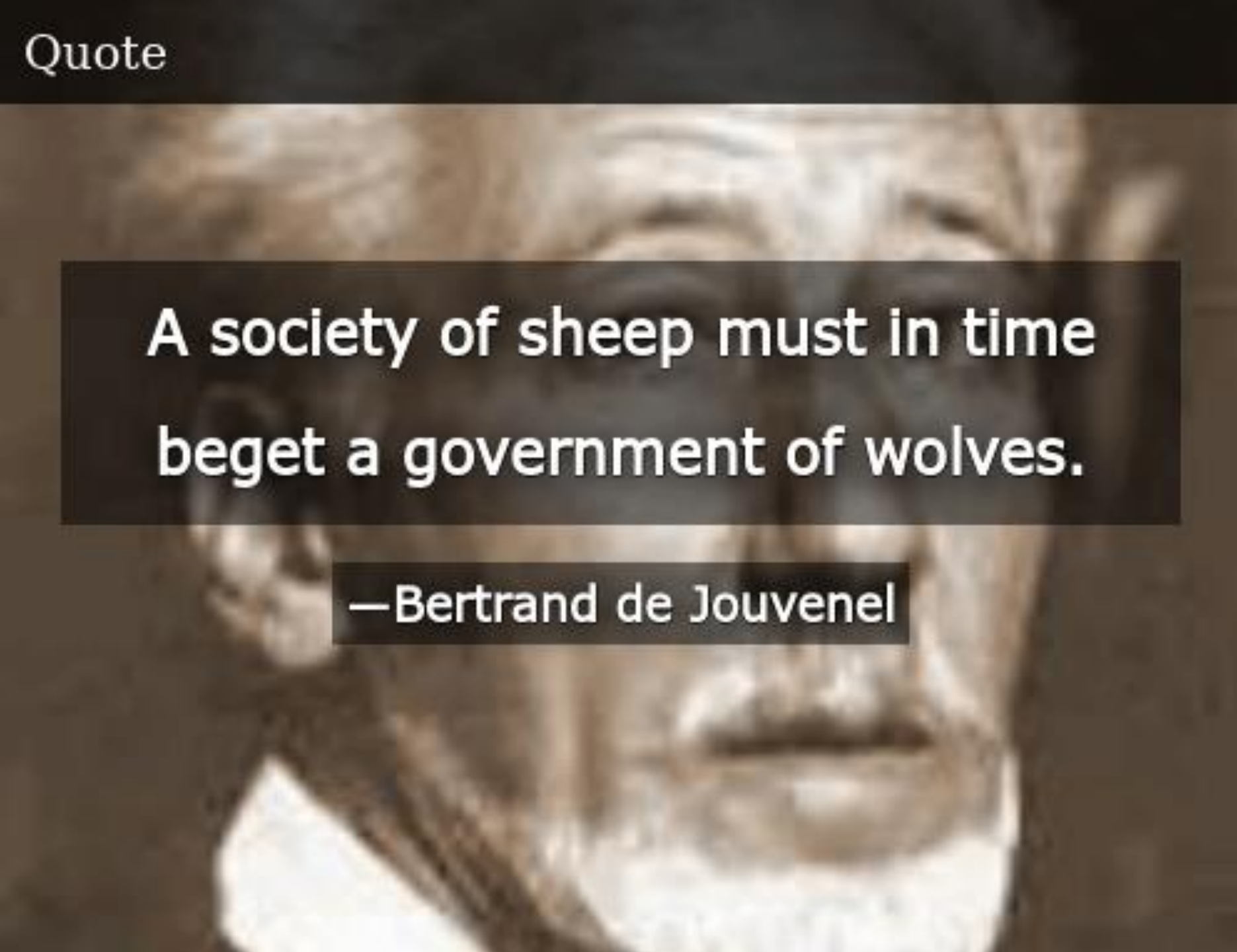


# CRONYISM AND CORRUPTION



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**A society of sheep must in time  
beget a government of wolves.**

**—Bertrand de Jouvenel**



# CORRUPTION



- Use of **public office** for **private gain**



# PUBLIC AFFAIRS



- Exceptional **privileges** and **trappings**



# ACTIVITIES PRONE TO CORRUPTION



- Bidding on **public contracts**
- Use of **public funds**
- Handling of **property, tax assessment and collection**



# ACTIVITIES PRONE TO CORRUPTION



- **Zoning and land use**
- **Legislative and elective processes**
- **Law enforcement**
- **Administration of public services**



# CORRUPT EXCHANGES BETWEEN

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- **Public agent** and **private agent**
- **One *private agent*** and **another**



# CRONYISM



- **Preferential treatment** shown to **friends** and **associates**
- Without regard to **qualifications**





# CRONYISM



- Occur in **two basic forms**:
  - 1. Instrumental**
  - 2. Relational**



# INSTRUMENTAL CRONYISM



- **Motivated** primarily by **task, utilitarian/monetary,** and **self-interest** considerations
- **Exchange of favours** take place in relatively **short time**
- **Value of favours** exchanged **more or less similar**



# RELATIONAL CRONYISM



- **Relationship, affection, and loyalty**
- **Long-term** in orientation
- Value of favours exchanged differ greatly depending on relative status of **giver** and **taker**



# CRONYISM

- **Distinct from corruption**
- **Tie, connection or relationship** between actors
- **Implicit, unspecified, and reciprocal** transactions
- **No stipulation of time** period during which favors returned
- **Based on trust, loyalty, and long-standing friendship**



# CRONYISM



- **‘Corrupt’** exchanges involving **collaborators**
- More **pervasive**
- **Underly** acts of corruption



# CRONYISM



- **Misunderstood** if classified under **corruption** or **malpractice**
- *Corruption symptom of institutional deterioration not the cause*



# CRONYISM



- **Dynamic** phenomenon
- Greater **explanatory** power than corruption
- Address '**how**' and '**why**' of **corrupt acts**



# CRONY CAPITALISM



- **Extension** of cronyism
- Applies to **businesses** and **firms** in society
- **Politicized** or **rigged** economic system
- Different from **free markets** and **limited government**





# CRONY CAPITALISM

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- **‘Palace politics’**
- **Absence of laws and institutions**
- **Power wielded, exchanged, and acquired via intricate system of personal contacts, favouritism, and championing of interests**



# CRONY CAPITALISM

- Profitability of business depend on **political connections**
- Those in political power use it to their advantage by altering **structure of incentives**



# CRONY CAPITALISM



- Providing **profit opportunities** for individuals who invest in political **lobbying, campaigning, and relationships**
- Rather than in true **profit opportunities**



# CRONY CAPITALISM



- Greater **political/government** influence in economic decision making
- Greater **crony capitalism** (corruption) in society



# LIMITED GOVERNMENT

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- **Only solution** to problem of crony capitalism
- **Less involvement** of government **in economy**



# CRONYISM

- **Prevent** establishment of market institutions
- Cronies do not want to **lose benefits** obtained through **connections**
- Improvement in **institutional quality** reduce ‘**shadow economy**’ directly and **corruption** both directly and indirectly



# ECONOMIC SUCCESS OR FAILURE

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- Rooted within **country's institutions**
- Understanding how institutions **evolve** crucial for development



# CRONY CAPITALISM



- Government become vehicle for **soliciting** and **rewarding** cronies or interest groups
- Society headed down road to **crony capitalism**
- **Regrettable consequences:** *mistrust in government and other institutions, economic stagnation, and social discord*





# CRONY CAPITALISM

- Higher return on developing **lobbying** and **political** skills – *to becoming a crony* – rather than developing economically **productive skills**
- Business activities end up in hands of those good at **connections**
- Not in **innovative ideas** or **risk-taking**
- **Wasteful** economic initiatives, programs, and businesses



# CRONYISM



- Not '**zero-sum**' game that take from some and gives to others
- **Negative-sum**
- Destroy **wealth**



# CRONYISM



- Government **rig market** for benefit of cronies
- Create **privilege**
- **Transfer** wealth from many to favoured few
- Not **transparent**
- Not **consistent** with **political democracy**

**“I SEE CORRUPTION AS A MORTAL ENEMY FOR  
YOUNG DEMOCRACIES.”**

**TSAKHIAGIIN ELBEGDORJ**

 **Lifehack Quotes**

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