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## Statements

What makes authorities legitimate in the eyes of citizens?

An investigation of perceived legitimacy in different political regimes

- 1) Fair distribution and fair procedures contribute to perceptions of legitimacy of political authorities across regimes (this dissertation).
- 2) Respondents socialized in different political regimes have similar conceptions of legitimate authorities, but there are some differences in prioritized characteristics of the authorities (this dissertation).
- 3) The interaction between procedural and distributive justice suggests that fair procedures are seen by citizens as a tool for achieving fair distribution (this dissertation).
- 4) The best predictor of perceived legitimacy of real governments was the perception of whether the government works for the common good rather than small elite.
- 5) Not taking perceived legitimacy into account in the study of legitimacy may lead to an overestimation or underestimation of the legitimacy of political authorities.
- 6) Researchers of legitimacy should further explore the meaning of different aspects of legitimacy to understand the links between input, throughput, and output.
- 7) Studies of perceived legitimacy across different regimes can inform us whether, why, and how the expectations of citizens (what they expect from political authorities) differ.
- 8) Collaboration across disciplinary boundaries is necessary to study questions of political legitimacy.
- 9) Taking risks in research is the way to make progress in science.
- 10) A general recipe for making it to the finish: eat well, keep running, rely on family and friends, and get a cat.