

Modern Political Science

Almond, Powell and other modern American writers have studied Political Science by sociological, anthropological and psychological methods. They concentrate their attention upon four basic principles: (1) the search for more comprehensive scope; (2) the search for realism; (3) the search for precision; (4) the search for intellectual order.

American writers have discarded the traditional concept of 'state' and substituted it by 'political system'. They use the word 'functions' instead of 'powers'. Similarly, they have preferred the use of the word 'role' instead of 'offices'. Instead of 'institutions' the word 'structure' is used and the word 'public opinion' has been substituted with 'political culture' and 'political association'.

Thus, there has been an intellectual revolution as these thinkers observe altogether new political concepts and theories. According to them they are not simply adding terms to a new vocabulary, but rather are in the process of developing a new one. It is not only a matter of conceptual vocabulary but intimation of a major step forward in the nature of political science as science. (Almond, Gabriel A. and Coleman James S. (eds), The Politics of the Developing Areas, P.4)

