

*Property class lesson  
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Private ownership, but substantially common use  
BK II. Chap V. Aristotle's view

Said it should be the special duty of the legislator to create in men the benevolent feeling of making common use of all property. To common use he would exclude the masses. This was an aristocratic ideal.

BK VIII. C VIII. Aristotle's own Ideal - Glance over the side notes in Jowett's Politics.

State should be large enough to be self sufficient & small enough to be well governed & this can only be when the citizens know one another. Should be far enough from the sea so that it couldn't be anemporium trade.

Yet as we can't be without foreign produce there should be a small port some miles away from where trading and be allowed.

Indeed citizens are not to be mechanics., tradesmen or even bus bandmen.

Aristotle's citizens were to be a learned class., for contemplation and political duties, cultivated & public spirited gentlemen. All who couldnt give their life to culture & public service were to be excluded from citizenship. Servants & counsellors should be only citizens. Land should be titlted by slaves, shld be of free or mixed races so the wouldn't revolt as the helots in Sparta, who were like the serfs of the Middle Ages. were constantly giving trouble.

Territory is to be divided into 2 parts. 1/2 the public domain of wh. 1/2 to the maintenance of religion - other 1/2 public domain to the maintenance of the public meals. The other 1/2 of the territory to be divided among the citizens.

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