The Prince

by Niccolò Machiavelli (1469-1527)
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Il Principe (The Prince) is a political treatise by the Florentine public servant and political theorist Niccolò Machiavelli. Written around 1513, but not published until 1532, five years after Machiavelli’s death, The Prince examines the acquisition, perpetuation, and use of political power in the western world. The treatise was one of the first works of modern philosophy, in which pragmatic ends -- as opposed to teleological concepts -- are the purpose. (Wikipedia)

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