

Challenging Trends & Sparking Change: Making the Case for Speculative Fiction in American Political Science



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“All that you touch You Change. All that you Change Changes you. The only lasting truth is Change. God Is Change.”

Octavia Butler, Parable of the Sower



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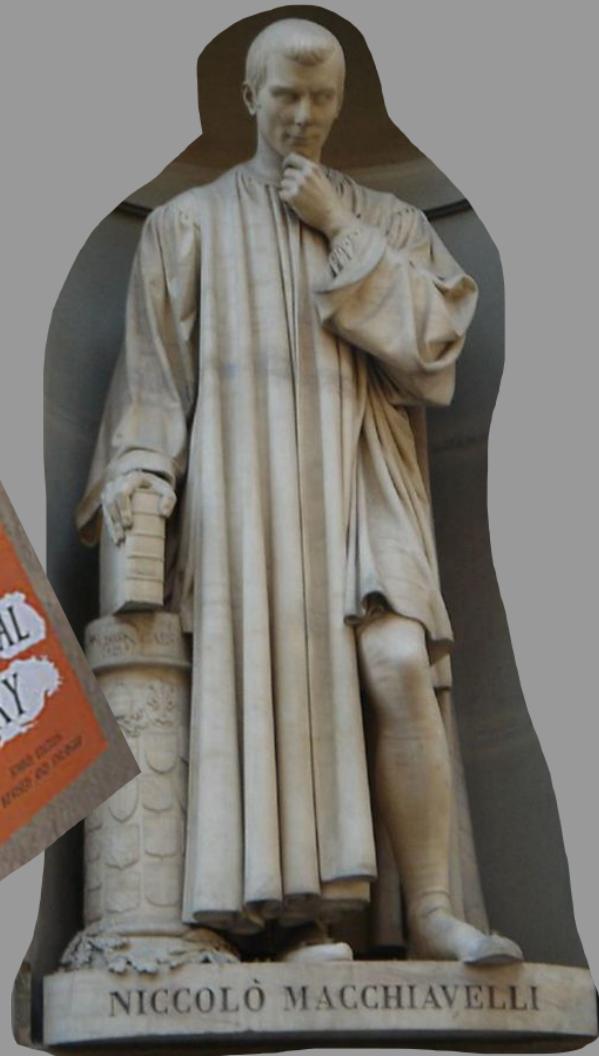
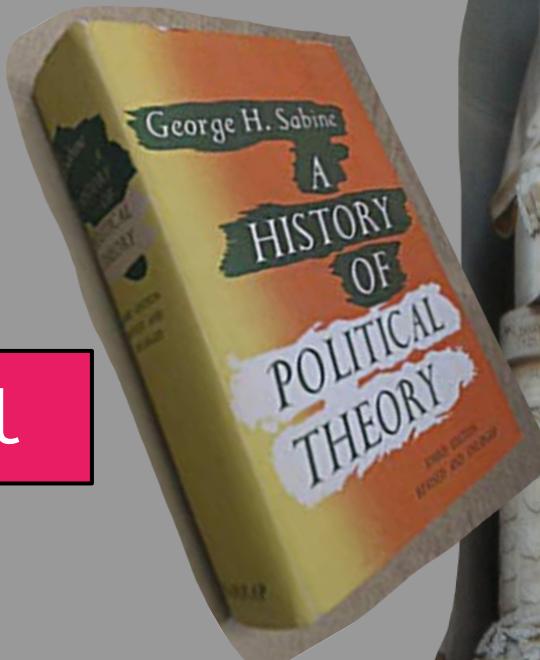
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The Hill We Climb

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Insurrectionists climb the west wall of the Capitol on January 6, 2021. (Jose Luis Magana / AP)