CLASSICAL VS. MODERN ORGANIZATION THEORIES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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There is no doubt that the major causes of both development and decline in administrative systems are strongly rooted in the ecological factors surrounding them and that administrative systems in all nations are inequitably affected more deeply by the external development of their political, social and economic systems than by their internal subsystems or their laws and regulations. Some writers have gone further stating "that the dominant managerial philosophy in a given country is in large part the product of the external environment" (1).

But this not to deny that administrative systems can experience significant changes both qualitatively and quantitatively if a meaningful development in the structural and human variables can be introduced from within the administrative system.

In this article, however, we will argue that the more such internal change in the administrative system can be balanced and adapted with the external environment, the more valuable and significant its contribution to administrative development becomes.

How to Improve an Administrative System from Within?

Is organization simply a structure, or does it also include the people within the structure? To many theorists and classical writers "organization is not people". They argue that "people have about the same relationship to the organization as the driver and passengers in an automobile have to the automobile itself". (2). If we want to improve the effectiveness of the automobile in reaching its objectives, that is, improve it as a means of rapid, safe and comfortable transportation, we can do this in a factory, far away from the people who will ride in it. To these theorists,

Just as it would be unwise to design an automobile exactly to fit the dimensions, personality and tastes of one individual, because it would then be unlikely to fit the needs of anybody else, in the same way the organization should not be tailored to fit individual personalities. (3)

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But research findings at Harvard University, the University of Michigan and other institutions demonstrate that the organizational structure itself can either facilitate or handicap the motivational and social development of the people. These conclusions show that to the extent that the organizational structure facilitates participation, communication and delegation, it also motivates the people to highest productivity. In other words, the design of the automobile, according to this group of theorists, must always be predicated upon the characteristics of the people who will use it and the environment in which it is to be used. In the following pages we will discuss these two schools of thought in some detail before examining the relevance of either one to the improvement of administrative systems in new nations.

The Bureaucratic Approach

In the literature of this field one can easily find a large number of principles and propositions which were widely accepted and practiced by public and private organization during the first half of this century. It has been argued that most of these principles foster maximum efficiency and economy, make the organization relatively easy to control, and achieve co-ordination reasonably well. Among these principles are usually the following:

1. Lines of authority in the organization must be clear.

2. No one in the organization should report to more than one supervisor.

3. The responsibility and authority of each supervisor should be understood by everyone concerned.

4. The number of people reporting to one supervisor should be no more than the number whose efforts he can effectively direct and co-ordinate.

5. Authority to act should be delegated as much as possible to the units or individuals nearest the point where action must be taken.

6. Every function needed to accomplish the organization’s purpose should be assigned to a unit of the organization.

7. The organization should be flexible, but ordinary changes in it should be made gradually except under highly special conditions.

8. Administrative efficiency is increased by grouping the workers, for better control, according to (a) purpose, (b) process, (c) clientele, or (d) place.
The works of Taylor, Fayol, Mooney, Urwick, Gulick, White, Gauss, Stene (4) and many others stress the significance as well as the necessity of these principles for any effective organization. Max Weber is perhaps the most well known theorist who argues the technical superiority of the bureaucratic form of organization which is largely characterised by the above principles. To Weber, the bureaucratic organization is the one most capable of attaining the highest degree of efficiency and the most rational form of administration.

Weber says:

Precision, speed, unambiguity, knowledge of the files, continuity, discretion, unit, strict subordination, reduction of friction and of the material and personal costs - these are raised to be optimum point in the strictly bureaucratic administration, especially in its monocratic form. (5)

Today, the bureaucratic approach to organizational development is still favoured by many writers in both developed and new nations. Dimock, for example, says:

The things they admire about it are its exactness and its reliability, its logical symmetry, its elimination of chance and individuality, its reliance upon 'the one best method', the fact that it treats everyone the same and hence avoids playing favourites. (6)

Many administrators in new nations still strongly feel that it is the bureaucratic model which can fight the battle against personal subjugation, nepotism, and subjective judgments, which are common features in most of these societies.

To the behavioural scientists, however, efficiency and rationality are not the right criteria for measuring the development and the success of administrative systems. They have argued that efficiency and rationality, with which the traditionalists are mainly concerned, can only be achieved by making the employees fully dependent and submissive and requiring them to utilize only a few of their less important abilities. Argyris, in this regards says:

The formal organizational principle makes demands of relatively healthy individuals that are incongruent with their needs. Frustration, conflict, failure and short term perspective are predicated as resultants of this basic incongruency. (7)

Criticizing the bureaucratic type of organization, Bennis says:

This form of organization is becoming less and less effective, in that it
is hopelessly out of joint with contemporary realities and with managerial practices in general. So within the next twenty-five to fifty years, we should all be witness to, and participate in, the end of bureaucracy and the rise of new social systems better able to cope with twentieth-century demands. (8)

The Behavioural Approach

During the last three decades, behavioural scientists have been studying the factors that motivate people within administrative systems. One of the most systematic efforts in this direction was Maslow's hierarchy of needs. (9) According to his theory, the needs of human beings are organized on five levels. Once the lower-level needs are met, the higher levels become increasingly important as motivators of behaviour. Maslow's theory has been the basis on which most modern theories of organization depend.

Theory X Vs. Theory Y

During the Fifties, McGregor developed what he calls Theory X and Theory Y. (10) The former is his expression of the traditional point of view toward managing human beings within organizations. According to this theory, all materials, equipment and people must be used efficiently to produce goods or services if the organization is to be successful. And in order to get people to work well and hard, to do what the organization wants, management has to direct, persuade, reward, punish and control them. McGregor argues that theory X, by emphasizing efficiency through direction and control is falling in our present-day society. Along with Maslow's theory he points out that theory X does not provide for the effective motivation of people whose physical and safety needs are satisfied and whose social and egoistic needs are therefore dominant.

Stressing the need for a better understanding of human nature than is required by theory X, McGregor presents theory Y as the alternative. He feels that its assumptions are generally supported by the findings of many behavioural scientists in recent years. Theory Y holds first that people do not like or dislike work inherently, but rather develop an attitude toward it based on their experiences with it. Second, while authoritarian methods can get things done, through direction, control, threat, and punishment, they are not the only methods for doing so. There is nothing inevitable about them, and their undesirable side-effects need not be tolerated. Third, people select goals for themselves if they see the possibility of some kind of reward, be it material or purely psychic, and once they have selected a goal they will, in pursuing it, work at least as vigorously as they would have under pressure from supervisors. And finally, imagination, ingenuity and creativity are characteristics of most human
Now, ten years after McGregor developed theory Y, he has still not found it necessary to change its major assumptions. What he finds instead is that X and Y cannot be compared on the same scale, because they are qualitatively different. In a more recent book he says:

The belief that man is essentially like a machine that is set into action by the application of external forces differs in more than degree from the belief that man is an organic system whose behaviour is affected not only by external forces but by intrinsic ones. Theory X and Theory Y therefore are not polar opposites. They do not lie at extremes of a scale. They are simply different cosmologies.

The Authoritative Vs. The Participative Theory

Since 1947 the Institute for Social Research at the University of Michigan has been studying the human problems involved in administrative and management practices. In 1961 Rensis Likert, its Director, published a summary of finds and a new administrative theory based on empirical research. A few years later he added to his original theory and supplied additional proof of its usefulness.

Likert, in his work, differentiates between authoritative and participative systems of organizations. The authoritative systems have been conceptualized as exploitative, benevolent and consultative. The three types of systems are placed on a continuum representing different degrees of control. The exploitative authoritarian has more unilateral control than the benevolent and consultative. Likert's ideas on how management ought to deal with people have been evolving into what he calls a "modified theory" or the participative system of organization. The participative system stands in greatest contrast to the exploitative system. It resembles, in fact, the style of management which McGregor developed in Theory Y. Under Likert's participative system, people at every level feel a real responsibility to the organization's goal, and they work hard to reach them. Managers have complete confidence and trust in their people. The employees have complete freedom to express ideas about the work.

Moreover, Likert has been able to relate productivity to his systems. He has shown, for example, that the nearer the management system is to the participative system, the more productive the organization is. It results also in lower costs, higher earnings, better employee attitudes and higher morale.
The "Mechanical" vs. "Organic" Theories

Shepard, Burns and Stalker (15) have all agreed that it is no longer adequate to perceive organization as a kind of machine, in the way Max Weber did. (16) They have attempted to replace such a mechanical idea of bureaucracy with what they feel is its natural alternative: an "organic" system. This organic organization can adapt spontaneously to the needs of the internal and external systems, rather than operating through programmed codes of behaviour which are contained in the formal role specifications of the mechanical structure. To Shepard, the organic organization is based on the following principles:

1. Good management is understood to be the emergent product of adequate working relationships among the organization's members.

2. The cement of the system is mutual confidence.

3. The structure of the organization must correspond to the network of interdependence among members required by the organizational tasks.

4. The principle of multigroup membership is substituted for the mechanical concept of supervision.

5. The wide sharing of control and responsibility created by the foregoing leads to the principle that "Conflict of interests must be resolved by the use of problem solving". (17)

In the literature of organization theory, one can also find many other attempts by scholars, in discussing effective versus ineffective organization, to set up two "ideal types" or organizations. To mention only a few, Gouldner differentiates between what he calls the "rational" and the "natural" models. He points out that if we focus primarily on the natural model we will miss or underemphasize several important aspects of the rational model. (18)

Among the rest are Litwak, (19) who differentiates between the "bureaucratic" and "human relation" models; Bennis, (20) who speaks in terms of "habit" and "problem solving" models; Barnes, (21) who stressed the differences between "closed" and "open" systems, and White, (22) who develops the "dialectical" model as an alternative to the bureaucratic type of organization.

Argyis has examined most of the above models and contrasted them to each other. He has found from his analysis that there are only slight variations among them. He finds that all these men have agreed that the organization which is variously called "Y" by McGregor, "participative" by Likert, "organic" by Shepard and others, "natural" by Gouldner, "human relations-oriented" by
Litwak, "open system" by Barnes, "problem solving" by Bennis (and I will add to them - "dialectic" by White), "tends to develop greater organizational flexibility, commitment, responsibility and effectiveness in problem solving and adapting to the environment". (23)

The question we are very concerned with here is: how relevant are these theories and an ideal type of effective organization to our discussion of new developing nations? Or, to put the question in a different way, what type of organization theory would be more relevant to the balanced administrative system which these nations need?

**The Relevance of the Classical Theory to New Nations**

To the classical students as well as to many practitioners and career-oriented administrators, the bureaucratic type of organization, or what is now commonly called the theory X type of organization, seems more appropriate to new nations than all other alternatives. This viewpoint, however, has been justified by different hypotheses and propositions. There are, first, those who argue that the trend toward bureaucratization is generally related to the tendencies of these nations to grow larger in total population, to become more complex in specialization, more urbanized and wealthier per capita as time passes. The proposition they present is that the more complex these societies become, the more conflicts are generated, and the larger the governmental organization must become. All this in turn will increase the probability that all jobs will meet the criteria for bureaucratization as Weber described them. (24)

One author says, in this regard:

The large organization is necessarily, it seems, run by a bureaucracy which is specialized as to job, organized in hierarchies of power, distributed in status according to rank rather than individual talent, governed by a few at the top who recruit their successors, and rationalized so as to see the individual as a mere instrument. (25)

The bureaucratic type of organization is also more relevant to these nations because of the limited financial and material resources they have. Here, therefore, efficiency and economy must be emphasized more than responsiveness and representation. In a recent article Wurzburg says:

The ordering of man's life is essential to prevent the chaos arising out of an uninhibited grasp for unlimited resources. The most efficient form of organization is bureaucracy. Hence the politics of scarcity produces the bureaucratic method of control. (26)
This argument has been supported by Braibanti, who says:

"The demands of economic development can be met only by an oligarchic bureaucracy." (27)

The classical theorists have often argued that despite the varying goals and environments of different organizations, it is possible to identify basic similarities in structure and process which can be conceptually analyzed and made explicit. Mooney, who is very authoritative among these writers, said once:

Our study of governmental organization back to remotest ages reveal one fact of deepest import: This fact confirms our thesis that the principles of organization are universal and hence must appear in the governmental forms of every age. (28)

On the empirical level, Harbison and Meyers, in their study of administrative practices in twenty-three countries, made a number of generalizations concerning many bureaucratic principles which did not differ fundamentally from country to country. (29)

Last, but not least, the advocates of the classical theories in new nations think that the environment there is not quite favourable to the application of modern theories because they require a democratic style of administration.

In these new nations, says one author, there are definite limitations on the use of democracy in management. Quite obviously it can yield little in areas in which technical knowledge and competence are demanded. Democracy connotes deliberation, and deliberation takes time which is not then available. If democratic practices are carried to extreme limits, they can, in effect, so diffuse responsibility that responsibility cannot be located. (30)

The Relevance of Modern Theory to New Nations

G. Sjoberg, in his occasional paper Ideology and Social Organization in Rapidly Developing Countries, says:

My thesis is that the kind of "bureaucracy" that characterizes the pre-industrial civilized society and the Weberian type of bureaucracy in the advanced industrial order both serve to sustain the status quo and are not easily amenable to demands for resocialization within rapidly industrializing societies. Both types of organization stress hierarchical relationships, order and control. (31)
What these nations need, according to Sjoberg, is an ideal-typical model which is committed to a revolutionary type of ideology and which permits change in the values and beliefs of clients.

From the point of view of most students of the "New Public Administration Movement", administrative development in changing societies can hardly be achieved without attempting to cope with demands for change by engaging in a dialectic involving both old and new. Theory Y, for example, is considered as a means for introducing the new elements required for such change. At the same time, writers who have little faith in the ecological approach and take little notice of the environmental impact on management have also realized the significance of modern theory to new nations. To these students, "emerging bureaucracies in underdeveloped states are less intricately imbedded in the matrix of culture, since the bureaucracy is often more secular-minded and Western-oriented than the public mass". (33)

Modern theories are also advocated by those who try to change organizations by first changing the behaviour of the organization's members. By changing human behaviour, it is argued, one can cause the creative invention of new tools, or one can cause modifications in the power structure. In surveying the people approach, Lewitt says: "one is immediately struck by the fact that the recent literature dealing directly with organizational change is heavily people-oriented. (34) Students of administrative development in many new nations now are convinced that people within the organization must be changed first before a structural and institutional change is introduced. An Indian author, for example, says:

Unless the man is made to look different or asked to think differently or motivated to function more purposively, no amount of investment in structural sophistication or modernization in machine-procedure will be in a position to hit the jackpot by way of raising the level of development of productivity. The critical ingredient, the bureaucrat himself, must, therefore, be freed from the existing conceptual orthodoxies, age old affiliations and narrow mental grooves so as to be the fitting torch-bearer of a new and bright development order. (35)

A few overseas writers, attracted by Western and European thoughts and ways of life, encourage the application of most modern organization theories developed in these advanced countries. These writers, however, emphasize the necessity of these theories more than their relevance to new nations. Charles Malik, for example, says:

No country in Asia or Africa can possibly live today apart from the
more advanced countries of the world. On the one hand, it
desperately needs them; on the other, they will not allow it to live by
itself. They speak of independence, but independence is a most
relative term, and in the intellectual and spiritual matters, there is no
independence. In virtually all cases independence is a myth. (36)

From the above assumption, Malik makes this conclusion:

"if the new countries of Asia and Africa are to survive and develop, they must
enter into the living European world of thought and organization". (37)

Critique of Modern Organization Theory

In contrast to those who argued the question of which classical or modern
theories are more relevant to administrative development in new nations, this
author, like many other writers, feels that neither of them is relevant. First, I do
not believe that any single, general organizational theory - at least not X or Y-
can combine all the advantages and avoid all the shortcomings of other theories,
since no one theory can cover everything involved in administrative
development. For example, choosing either X or Y would imply, for one thing,
that the one chosen contains a better rationale for dealing with superior-
subordinate relationships. Actually, though, the supervision style under either
theory has its own advantages as well as disadvantages, and one method is not
necessarily more effective than the other under all circumstances. On the one
hand, under theory X the supervisor sees himself as a management
representative. He is the authoritarian, task oriented supervisor who puts the
management's goals first and the employees' needs second. The employees
would, therefore, be expected to turn aside from their formal supervisions and
follow their own informal leaders. Conversely, the supervisor under theory Y
identifies himself strongly with the employees. His first loyalty is to them, and in
his communication with management he will tend to play up employees'
demands. Thus, he may win employees' acceptance, but at the same time he will
likely alienate management and cause his supervisors to mistrust him,
weakening his influence with them. What we need then is not to shift from one
style of supervision to another, but to combine them both and arrive at a
balanced style of supervision which considers the interests and needs of
employees as well as of the administration.

In regard to productivity and economy, neither theory X nor theory Y is
wholly satisfactory. Writers like Katz, Maccoby and Morse note that the close
supervision and higher degree of centralization which theory X requires are
inversely related to productivity and efficiency criteria. (38) On the other hand, if
we use theory Y, the material cost of designing an administrative organization
specifically to fit the dimensions, personality and tastes of all individuals naturally cannot be provided by these nations at this stage of development. Therefore it is not enough in these countries to design all organizations to provide greater opportunity for psychological success and self-esteem. The participants must also be capable of meeting the challenges and accepting the responsibilities involved.

From the ecologist's point of view, it is also true that neither the classical nor the modern theories can be accepted as a universal or cross-cultural theory. To these writers, human motivation and behaviour in any productive or public enterprise is a function of various complex environmental factors. Many of these factors are naturally beyond the control of the people in charge of its administration. The ecologists, Farmer and Richman, have found through their empirical and cross-cultural studies that:

Direction and leadership techniques which prove effective in the American firm may prove inadequate, or even disastrous, when applied to firms in Saudi Arabia, Japan, or India. (39)

Gonzalez and McMillan, after serving as consultants on business administration training in Brazil, concluded that management philosophy is highly culture-bound. (40) Oberg says:

My own experience in international management leads me to believe that cultural differences from one country to another are more significant than many writers now appear to recognize. (41)

To the ecologists, managerial effectiveness cannot be achieved by shifting from the traditional theory to the modern theory. Such a shift can be effective only if it is necessitated by or relevant to the cultural and environmental factors in the society. Megginson has pointed out that the cultural elements that have the greatest influence on managerial effectiveness are the spiritual values and the educational system. Spiritual values are implied in the managerial philosophies and form the assumptions upon which managers make their decisions. The educational system determines the knowledge and analytical processes used by the executives in the decision making process. Megginson also adds that "spiritual values largely influence personal objectives, which are the ends desired, while education determines the means of achieving those goals". (42)

Other writers have denied the relevance to new nations of the McGregor, Likert, Shepard and other modern theories of organization, by criticizing the Maslow hierarchy of needs, which is considered the major theoretical framework of these theories and models. Bryan Davies, for example, says:
This model (Maslow's hierarchy of needs) has the advantages of coherence, and also intuitive plausibility with respect to Western individual cultures, though it would seem difficult to validate even here; but the anthropological evidence of Mead, Malinowsky and Gluckman etc. suggests that the model would certainly not survive transfer to all cultures. (A general hierarchy of needs model might do so, but the specific physical-social-egoistic ordering proposed by Maslow would not).

Keith Davies is another writer who has argued the need of new nations for different theories of management on the grounds of the different needs and motivations the employees have in these nations. He says:

In underdeveloped countries, most employees are still seeking basic physiological and security needs. Hence, some of the more sophisticated and elaborate motivational devices of modern industrial management may not be appropriate in these countries. The needs of their workers may be more simply reached by direct motivation. Therefore, they require management to show them simple, direct evidence that if they work more effectively they will receive more. In other words, work must be interpreted in terms of their immediate needs, rather than waiting for indirect results through a complex economic system. Accordingly, action which would be inappropriate in an advanced country may sometimes be workable in the underdeveloped country. (44)

From the "Dialectical View" both Classical and Modern organization theories are understood as formalized solutions of certain actors to the technical and practical problems posed by the organization's dialectical character. Such theories formalize a way of dealing with the multilevel contradictory complexity of the organization. Devices much as socializing, monitoring, rewarding, adjusting, structuring, and negotiating provide solutions to concrete problems encountered by participants. Such theories they add provide sets of procedures, movements, routines which may be employed to pursue an objective by cancelling, controlling, or capitalizing upon the contradictory complexity of organizational life.

The dialectician goes beyond such formulations to inquire into relationships between organization theories and organizational realities since they believe that administrative realities and the new administrative theories have emerged hand-in-hand. "From the Dialectical point of view: The theories and theorists are part of the reality they describe". (45)

Finally it is true that modern organization theories have some serious drawbacks in terms of their orientation and applicability to different types of
cultural and economic needs. The various theories of organization which are largely developed in the United States, for example, focus primarily on the person in a given organization, in a given environment, trying to determine how the organization might function better. Because of this, Whyte wants new nations who try to set up their institutions and organizations on these models to be careful. In Whyte's words:

Imitation of institutional models from industrialized nations is disfunctional for the developing nations. The imported model often does not fit the needs of the host culture. Furthermore, the model is a product of particular historical circumstances in the exporting country. Members of that institution would not re-create it in its present form if they were to build anew. (46)

Conclusion:

From the above analysis one would conclude that a balanced model and cultural-bound theories are required, not only to bring the administrative, political and economic sub-systems into a balanced situation, but also to build up an internal balance within the administrative system itself. The former, in fact, can hardly be achieved without the latter.

The modern theories of organization discussed above require a choice between complete centralization or extreme decentralization in structuring the organization. These theories have assumed that centralization and decentralization are distinct types of organization and that elements of both cannot be found within the same organization. Such a distinction, says Allen, is specious. "It would be as meaningful to attempt to classify pneumonia found in men as 'male pneumonia' and that found in women as 'female pneumonia'." (47)

These theories have also failed to consider the need of rapidly changing societies and organizations for a balanced model of centralization and decentralization, a model which is needed for pragmatic and purely administrative reasons as well as for the ecological reasons already discussed. Selznick, in this regard, once said:

The increasing complexity of organizational tasks makes decentralization and the delegation of responsibility to intermediaries inevitable. but such a measure brings forth the organizational paradox of goal displacement, a bifurcation of interests between the central system and its decentralized subunits. There is a tendency for the latter to neglect the main organizational goals in favour of their limited sub-goals. In this way sub-goals, from
simple means, become ends in themselves. This situation makes the needs for centralized control stronger and the circle may start all over. (48)

Ignoring such factors, modern organization theories are mainly directed toward the development of either overpowering manipulative organizations, or organizations that will keep people happy. Happiness and manipulation, however, can be fine guides to the administrative development only if they are combined and balanced with each other in a pragmatic rather than idealistic way. A balanced organization, on the other hand, cannot be achieved either if all administrators have task-oriented personalities. A balanced organization requires, first of all, a balanced administration and leadership. In describing what a balanced administrator is, Dimock says:

The top executive is balanced when he comes to possess a personality that qualifies him for a position of leadership, for inspiring confidence in others because he is interested in them and does not treat them merely as pawns in his own selfish designs. He is balanced when his sense of fairness imparts to his employees the assurance that their fortunes, both individual and collective, are safe in his hands, and that he will not make decisions on the basis of prejudice, favouritism or arbitrariness. He is balanced when he is not overly specialized, so that he does not become lopsided or merely a technician. He is balanced when he is sufficiently broad to be a good co-ordinator, because no executive is worthy of the name unless he can plan, integrate and combine all components of his enterprise into a unified and smoothly working whole. (49)

In my opinion, an effective administrative organization must maintain a balance between its internal elements as well as between them and the external and sub-systems in the society. Experience has shown that no ideal theory can be applied in new nations if it does not consider such needs. What will serve these nations best is a pragmatic and realistic model which is internally developed and comprehended. Harvey Sherman says:

The only plea I would make is that the degree of centralization or decentralization for a particular enterprise or function be determined pragmatically in terms of such factors as public convenience, economy, quality of service, availability of skilled personnel, need for control, and general effectiveness. (50)

Modern organization theories such as that developed by McGregor, Likert and Shepard, might cause confusion for administrators of developing countries who try to choose between their two conflicting styles. This is mainly because the
bureaucratic theory of organization which McGregor calls theory X is expected to work well in some situations, while theory Y might work better in the others. What will happen then if an administrator prefers to apply theory Y in an area where theory X is expected to function effectively? Theory Y also should not be embraced everywhere on the grounds that it is strongly oriented toward the development of man. Man, from our point of view, is distinguished from other elements of administration in that his development is not something that is done to him or for him. His development instead is growth, and growth can only come from within, and not from without.

FOOTNOTES


(3) Ibid.


(16) Max Weber once said: "bureaucracy is like a modern judge who is a vending machine into which the pleadings are inserted together with the fee and which then disorgoses the judgment together with its reasons mechanically derived from the Code". See R. Bendix, Max Weber, *An Intellectual Portrait*, Doubleday and Co., Inc., (N.Y. 1960), quoted in W. Bennis, *op.cit.*, p. 46.


(21) Louis B. Barnes, "Organization Systems and Engineering Groups", Graduate School of Business, Harvard University, (1960), Ch. VIII.


(23) C. Argyris, Integrating the Individual and the Organization, p. 185.


(33) See R. Braibanti, "The Relevance of Political Science to the Study of Underdeveloped Areas", p. 179.


(37) Ibid.


(49) M. Dimock, Philosophy of Administration, p. 34.

(50) Harvey Sherman, It All Depends: A Pragmatic Approach to Organization, p. 82.
نظريات التنظيم الإداري بين الكلاسيكية والمعاصرة في الدول النامية

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حاول الباحث هنا أن يجيب على السؤال الكبير الذي واجبته وتواجهه
الدولة النامية في عصرنا الحاضر وهو: كيف السبيل إلى تطوير نماذج
وكفاءة الإجهزة الإدارية لتكون قادرة على النهوض بمؤهلات التنمية
الشاملة فيها؟ وللإجابة الواضحة كان لا بد له من استعراض مختلف
النظريات التنظيمية التي طرحت في الأدب الإداري خلال نصف القرن
الأخير. فبدأ بالنهج البروتراطي وناقش إيجابياته وسلبياته كما اتبعته
الدراسات النظرية والميدانية، وانتقل إلى نهج ظل ملائكي بختلف نظرياته
وانتراضاته. وبعدها وقف برهة أمام النهجين متساءلا عن مدى امكانيته
الاستنادا من أي منهما في الدول النامية بعد أن ناقشت الانتقادات الموجهة
لكل منهما مؤكدا النتائج الواضحة لهذين النهجين بظروف الدول الغربية
المتطورة وبيئوكولوجيتها الحضارية.

وإنطلانا من خصوصية الوضع والظروف البيئية التي تشهدها الدول
النامية وعدم تطابقها أو تجاوزها مع ظروف المجتمعات الصناعية المتقدمة
فان الباحث قد انتهى إلى نتيجة مفادا بأن اية تغيير أو تطوير في الإجهزة
والتنظيمات الإدارية لهذه الدول ينبغي أن لا يستند نظرياته ومنطقاته من
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طاربها الداخلية والقومية، وإن التوازن والملاذ من اجزاء الانتظام
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شرطا لا ي המקاد الابقاء أو تحديث في أي من هذه المفاهيم.

وعلى غاية لا النظريات الكلاسيكية للتنظيم المطلقة -من نهجها
المعياري ولا النظريات الحديثة لها المطلقة- من توجيها الثاني يمكن أن تلازم
ظروف ومتغيرات الدول النامية أو صلح من أوضاعها الإدارية. والدليل
الذي ينبغي البحث عنه هو الآثار النقدي الواعي والبيئي الذي يخلق هذه
الأوضاع ويطرح النهج المتوافق من الداخل كما ينهيه ويعيشه الإنسان
النامي وليس كما يصوره ويتعرضه الإنسان الصناعي الغربي.

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