

## → Behavioural approach :-→

Among the modern empirical approaches, the behavioural approach to study political science grabbed notable place. Most eminent exponents of this approach are David Easton, Robert A. Dahl, B. M. Kirkpatrick and Heinz Eulau.

to predict the future political phenomena.

Verification :-> The behaviouralists do not want to accept everything as granted. Therefore they emphasize testing and verifying everything. According to them, what cannot be verified is not scientific.

Techniques :-> The behaviouralists put emphasis on the use of those research tools and method which generate valid, reliable and comparative data.

Values :-> The behaviouralists believe that to do objective research one has to be value free. It means that the researcher should not have any pre-conceived notion or a biased view.

Systematization :-> According to behaviouralists, research in Political Science must be systematic.

Theory and research should go together.



Pure Science :-> Behaviouralists.

want its aim to make Political Science a "Pure Science". It believes that the study of Political Science should be verified by evidence.

Benefits of Behavioural approach are as follows :->

- 1) This makes Political Science more scientific and brings it closer to the day to day life of the individuals.
- 2) Behaviouralism has first explained human behavior in the field of Political Science and thus makes the study more relevant to the society.
- 3) This approach helps in predicting future political events.
- 4) The behavioural approach has been supported by different political thinkers as it is scientific approach and predictable nature of political events.

Behavioural approach is political theory which is the result of increasing attention given to behaviour of ordinary man. Kirkpatrick stated that traditional approaches accepted institution as the basic unit of research but behavioural approach consider the behaviour of individual in political situation as the basis.

### \* Salient features of Behaviourism

David Easton has pointed out certain salient features of behaviourism which are regarded as its intellectual foundations.

↓ Regularities  $\Rightarrow$  There are certain uniformities in political behaviour which can be expressed in generalizations or theories in order to explain and predict political phenomena. In a particular situation the political behaviour of individuals may be more or less similar. Such regularities of behaviour may help the researcher to analyse a political situation as well as