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Statements

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1) Fair distribution and fair procedures contribute to perceptions of legitimacy of political authorities across regimes (this dissertation).

2) Respondents socialized in different political regimes have similar conceptions of legitimate authorities, but there are some differences in prioritized characteristics of the authorities (this dissertation).

3) The interaction between procedural and distributive justice suggests that fair procedures are seen by citizens as a tool for achieving fair distribution (this dissertation).

4) The best predictor of perceived legitimacy of real governments was the perception of whether the government works for the common good rather than small elite.

5) Not taking perceived legitimacy into account in the study of legitimacy may lead to an overestimation or underestimation of the legitimacy of political authorities.

6) Researchers of legitimacy should further explore the meaning of different aspects of legitimacy to understand the links between input, throughput, and output.

7) Studies of perceived legitimacy across different regimes can inform us whether, why, and how the expectations of citizens (what they expect from political authorities) differ.

8) Collaboration across disciplinary boundaries is necessary to study questions of political legitimacy.

9) Taking risks in research is the way to make progress in science.

10) A general recipe for making it to the finish: eat well, keep running, rely on family and friends, and get a cat.