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Legitimacy adds positive value to political authority and obligation. Discuss.

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Weber

Legitimate domination is obedience experienced as rightful; the three pure types are traditional, charismatic, and legal-rational.

Beetham

Legitimacy requires conformity to rules, justifiability of rules by shared beliefs, and evidence of consent.

Emergency, 1975-77

Suspension of ordinary constitutional politics showed how authority without revisable consent loses democratic legitimacy.

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