

## 11/11 Discussion Notes, "Han Fei-Zi"

### Passages

4-2- wrong pursuits then valued now

2-2- father and son

2-2- Confucius considered great sage

4-1- private interest vs public welfare

8-1- Marquis Zhao

11-2- treatment of subordinates

9-1- ruler making true self-interest

5-2- using law to select people

### Discussion

merchants victimized?

Selfish= not wanting the best for the state

ancient kings- why scholars seem to prefer the past

scholars supposedly only care for personal profits

placing importance in less prestigious jobs

Legalism similar to Communism?

Blind obedience (ideally why would it work?)

stump-watching idea

saying Legalism may not be correct always

necessity of restraining subordinates

father and son- why can't the father teach?

Marquis Zhao- why punish both?

Legalism- no question, no innovation

ruler also must serve state

acknowledging self-interest