

Some verses from the TTC on politics & governing

*Whenever you advise a ruler in the way of Tao,
Counsel him not to use force to conquer the
universe.*

from ch. 30, Feng & English

*One who assists the ruler of men by means of
the way does not intimidate the empire by a
show of arms.*

from ch. 30, Lau

Why are the people starving?

Because the rulers eat up the money in taxes.

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Why are the people rebellious?

Because the rulers interfere too much.

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Why do the people think so little of death?

Because the rulers demand too much of life.

from ch. 75, Feng & English

*Rulers who try to use cleverness
Cheat the country.*

from ch. 65, Feng & English

*Ruling through cleverness
Leads to rebellion.*

*Not ruling through cleverness
Brings good fortune.*

from ch. 65, Addis & Lombardo

*When the country is ruled by a light hand
The people are simple.*

*When the country is ruled with severity,
The people are cunning.*

from ch. 58, Feng & English



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