Hannah Arendt

- Intro
  - 1906-1975
    - German Jew
      - Contemporary of hitler
      - Cold War intellectual
  - Methodology
    - Phenomenology
      - Feeling
        - Not based on particular school of thought
      - Hobbes
  - Common thread
    - People's participation
      - Republicanism
        - Deliberative democracy
- Totalitarianism
  - Book - Origin of Totalitarian
    - Earlier
      - Tyrannies - violence as means
    - 20th century
      - Stalinism, Nazism - violence was end in itself
      - Unprecedented scale of violence and criminality
    - Features
      - Tools
        - Terror & ideology
          - Myth, fiction, propaganda
            - Racial supremacy
          - Control speech and action
          - Fascist
            - Myth of superior race
          - Killed real persons for fiction
      - Mass support
        - Mass society
          - Superfluous entities
          - Suffered from social and economic upheaval
          - Antagonised, isolated, feel of worthlessness
          - Leaders/organisations
            - Give self respect, sense of worth
          - Fascist
            - Product of emergence of mass society
      - Atrocities
        - Bureaucratically Organised
          - No sense except adhering to an ideology
      - Totalitarian regimes
        - Politics of majority
          - Minority- soft target
        - Multilayered institution
          - Onion like
            - Elites in core, outermost layer will be superfluous mass
      - Ideology become rational
        - Survival of the fittest
          - No scope for human Will
  - Rise of modernity and Totalitarianism
    - Victory of animal laborans
      - Over
        - Zoon Politikon
    - Rise of Okios
      - Over
        - Polis
    - Modernity
      - Important to economic sphere
      - Age of bureaucratic administration, elite domination, homogeneity, manipulation of public opinion
    - Homogeneity and conformation replaces
      - Plurality and freedom
        - End of solidarity and spontaneity
    - Past has no value
      - Look for new values
        - MODERNITY
- Power
  - Book - Human Condition
    - Theory of action
      - Aristotle
  - Human condition
    - Vita activa
      - Labour
        - Animal laboran
          - For basic needs
            - No freedom
      - Work
        - Homo favour
          - Profession
            - Partial freedom
      - Action
        - Zoon Politikon
          - Participate in civic affairs
        - Differentia specifica
    - Vita Contemplative
      - Thinking
    - Action is more important than thinking
  - Importance of action
    - Actualise capacity for freedom
    - Components of action
      - Freedom
        - Capacity to develop something new
          - Natal it's
        - Every birth is a new beginning
      - Plurality
        - Equality
          - Sameness
            - Everyone is human
        - Diversity
          - Every human being is different
            - Important, irreplaceable, unique
      - Freedom only in the company of others
        - So we need plurality
        - Artist and audience
      - Artists without audience carries no significance
    - Politics
      - Belongs to people
        - Not elite class
      - Should be at the level of civil society
        - Not at level of state
  - Differences
    - Force
      - Nature
    - Strength
      - Individual
    - Violence
      - State
    - Power
      - Human, used collectively, at the level of CS
      - Acting in concert with each other
      - Act in harmony we feel power
      - Doesn't belong to office, bureaucracy, money or military
      - Suigeneris
        - Emergence its own whenever people come together
        - It self is legitimate bcs source is people
  - If people not given opportunities to participate
    - Decay of political institutions
- On Revlutions
  - Liberal view
  - American
    - Tale of freedom
      - Political freedom
        - Representative democracy
  - French
    - Tale of necessity
      - Socio economic freedom
        - Authoritarianism- power with elites
- Banality of evil
  - Eichman in Jerusalem
    - Duty, no hatred, for promotion
    - Not monster, social path
    - Neither intellectual
      - Just bureaucratic
    - A product of society
      - Culture of obedience
        - Questioning is not promoted
        - Conformation is the way of life
    - Lost imaginative capacity
      - Thinking
        - Innocuous man
          - Operated without thinking
          - Incapable of moral judgement
    - Couldn't understand consequence of his actions
  - Certain acts considered as evil become banal

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