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other prominent scholars who focus on specific aspects of the critical question, "Who should lead and in what manner?" These scholars address this question from different perspectives and across several fields, including political science, philosophy, law, public administration, and public policy. Part I reviews the development and promotion of virtues and character in western thought. Part II examines the tension between law (public duties) and ethics (private duties) as well as the "unpopular and morally suspect" role of lawyers in the American regime. This examination leads to a discussion in Part III of the importance of virtue and character as leaders exercise discretion in governing modern regimes. Part IV concludes the book with an inquiry into the nature of leadership and virtue as well as their importance in balancing democratic and undemocratic elements of the regime.

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