

De-escalation Strategies for Felonocracy

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Abstract

Research on kakistocracy proliferates in the research industry. However, felonocracy has not gained sufficient traction. This case study on de-escalation strategies for felonocracy—government by felons in the United States—fills the lacuna in the applied management and decision sciences literature. 77,168,458 Americans voted for President Donald J. Trump to enable a win in the November 5, 2024, presidential elections. The first convicted felon to hold the office was Donald Trump, the 47th president of the United States. The United States Constitution does not preclude felons from the presidency. Whatever unethical and deleterious presidential standard that the most powerful country in the world—the United States—sets, the other nations in the global village would follow suit. A world embroiled in felonocracy foreordains democratic and financial insecurities bedecked with sustained and destructive corruption with its detrimental effects. Unbridled felonocracy corrupts all arms of government. The root cause of felony is a lack of self-restraint. Presidents of nations are to be role models for their constituency or citizens by upholding the laws of the land. Grounded in Gottfredson and Hirschi's self-control and Prabhupada's sonic therapeutic intervention (STI) frameworks, the researcher scrutinizingly examined preventive strategies in contemporary United States felonocracy. Six semi-structured interviews from purposeful samples and relevant document review constituted data collection methods. A meticulous analysis of transcribed interview data revealed six themes: Congressional law barring felons from the presidency, constitutional amendment, leadership integrity, self-restraint, sonic therapeutic intervention, and willpower. The implications for positive social change (IPSC) included national cohesion, ethical leadership, presidential respectability, presidential integrity, and American greatness.

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