

ABSTRACT

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LEADERSHIP AND THE CREATION AND SUSTENANCE OF A JUST SOCIETY IN MULTI-ETHNIC STATES: TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, GUYANA, AND SURINAME.

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This dissertation examines the relationship between leadership and the creation and sustenance of a just society in multi-ethnic states. Specifically, the study analyses the connection between the leaders and followers as it explores the subject of leadership in the creation of a just society in the political environment of three Caribbean countries: Suriname, Guyana and Trinidad and Tobago. The study also involves a short comparative analysis between the selected Caribbean states and other global societies. In operationalizing the study, the following method is employed: first, the critical variables and their relationships are established; second, an extensive review of available literature on the issues of leadership, justice, political development and governance is conducted, and third, in assembling empirical data for the case studies, interviews and discussions were held with some experts in the various fields and relevant countries, and archival materials were assembled.

The dissertation is divided into six sections. The first section discusses the nature of leadership and justice against the relevant theoretical literature on the subject. The next three sections are devoted to an analysis of the role of leaders in creating a just society in Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana and Suriname. The final two sections pull

together the main ideas of the preceding sections and chapters and evaluate the patterns of leadership that emerged in relation to the problem of justice in these societies.

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