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Abstract

History bears lessons that people can learn from. Machiavelli, therefore, acknowledged history as a very important aspect of society because of its ability to inform decisions of the present and the future (Slotkin, 2009). Understanding the past offers the chance of assessing mistakes and opportunities to develop better policies and decisions of the present and the future. Use of historical events as points of reference is widely used in the world of today. A positive development is rooted in the foundations formed by events of the past. A good example is nuclear energy use which is highly regulated through the use of standards, and this is based on the events of the nuclear crisis in Japan and Chernobyl. These are historical events that showed the effects of nuclear energy use in the world. Machiavelli, therefore, expresses the importance of a society investing in the past because it is a great source of insight that can lead to improvement and positive development. The paper, therefore, explores how the world of today acknowledges the past and uses it as a foundation for the future.

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“Wise men say and not without reason that whoever wishes to foresee the future must consult the past for human events ever resemble those of preceding times” (Slotkin, 2009, p. 67, line 19) is a statement by Niccolo Machiavelli from his book the prince and is a statement that expresses the importance of the past as a foundation for the present and the future because history provides a point of reference and can, therefore, be used to inform decisions of the present and the future (Slotkin, 2009).

The events of the atomic bombings in Hiroshima and Nagasaki became the foundation for global nuclear energy policies which emphasize on restricting the use of such technology as weapons because of the risks involved.

The outcome of the bombings was devastating, and the world made a stance that such technology should never be used on people again, and it is also a statement that applies today because historical events are the basis of most of the current and future decisions made in different sectors.

Reference

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