

La Cosa Nostra and Westminster Some Similarities

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Is possible to observe many similarities between the operations of the Cosa Nostra and the functioning of British government at Westminster.

Firstly, and obviously, each has a capo di tutti capi, the leader. Each leader has a consigliere, an adviser, who is very powerful and seems untouchable. The leader does little without the agreement of the advisor.

Then follow the deputy leaders, the capo de regime, of which there can be many representing the different 'families' (in Westminster, the unions), followed by the 'soldiers' (MPs.) There are also many 'associates' who work with, but not directly for the organisation, but are paid for various services to it and vice versa.

So, there is a common organisational structure. There is also a code of conduct, which is their own. both in the Cosa Nostra and in the government. Recruits to both organisations are chosen for their their total obedience, their discretion, their ability to help the organisation and their ruthlessness when it comes to the interests of the organisation. No co-operation with police or prosecutors is permitted. Obscurity is essential.

Nepotism is normal, so is favouritism. Disputes are settled internally.

Multi-million pound frauds have been carried out. Although it must be said the Cosa Nostra does it deliberately whereas Westminster does it because it is not very intelligent. But both enjoy the use of other people's money - Cosa Nostra by force, Westminster by using tax-payer funds over which it has sole control.

Although a lot is written about both, neither enjoys general acceptance.

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