CIVIC VIRTUE

*Raison d’état, ragione di stato, Realpolitik, reasons of state*

*Vox Populi, vox Deus* (The Voice of the People is the Voice of God)

Writers on the Venetian constitution: Francesco Guicciardini, Donato Giannoti, Gasparo Contarini

(In the 19th century Benjamin Disraeli called the British constitution of the 18th century a “Venetian Constitution,” meaning supremacy of the aristocracy)

*Grandi, Doge* or Prince: The One: Seeks highest authority

*Mediocri* or Senate: the Few. Seek honor

*Popolari: the Many: Seek Liberty*