

CHOOSING JUDGES AND LEADERS

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The world's most published book (6 billion printed as of today and 80 million printed annually) guides us in choosing our judges (and leaders) by following the following **seven rules**, loosely referring to the candidates' specific features of character and personality.

The Book says that the people we are considering to make our judges and leaders must be:

1. **God-fearing**
2. **People who command respect on account of their integrity**
3. **Known to "hate" money (sufficiently "unattached" to their wealth, are independently wealthy, etc., meaning that they cannot be easily bribed)**
4. **Righteous**
5. **Insightful**
6. **Able to deduce new laws from legal precedent**
7. **Of good reputation**

In line with the discussion in the Digital Man's podcast, we tried to digest these human features in terms of our **two sets of "digital" human qualities—Basic and Composite Features**. In other words, we aim to approximately determine which features of our two lists would create the **seven unique packages—JUDGE AND LEADER QUALIFIERS**—corresponding to the seven rules listed above. This follows our earlier exercises in finding the basic and composite personal features making a person the best match for a specific job, occupation, etc.

1. GOD-FEARING

A God-fearing person embodies humility, self-discipline, and a sense of responsibility toward moral principles and higher authority. They do not act solely based on self-interest but maintain their ethical grounding even in difficult situations.

Basic Features

- Humility
- Self-discipline
- Solemnity

Composite Features

- Wisdom – A combination of curiosity, skepticism, patience, humility, and intelligence

2. PEOPLE WHO COMMAND RESPECT ON ACCOUNT OF THEIR INTEGRITY

Integrity is one of the cornerstone traits of a judge or leader. It fosters public trust and ensures unbiased decision-making. A person with integrity adheres to principles, even when no one is watching.

Basic Features

- Honesty
- Confidence
- Responsibility

Composite Features

- Responsibility – The ability to recognize, accept, and fulfill obligations

3. RESISTANT TO CORRUPTION AND MATERIAL INFLUENCE

A person with this trait is not easily influenced by material wealth, meaning they are incorruptible. They are self-sufficient and maintain their judgment free from external monetary pressures.

Basic Features

- Honesty
- Self-discipline
- Altruism

Composite Features

- Stoicism – A blend of resilience, patience, serenity, and self-discipline

4. RIGHTEOUS

Righteousness is a critical attribute for a judge. This quality ensures fair decision-making, justice, and the protection of the weak. A righteous individual does not waver under pressure and remains dedicated to fairness and ethical principles.

Basic Features

- Compassion
- Altruism
- Diligence

Composite Features

- Idealism – A combination of openness, ambition, optimism, and altruism

5. INSIGHTFUL

A judge or leader must not only have knowledge but also **insight**, the ability to see beyond the obvious and grasp the deeper implications of an issue. Insightfulness allows for sound decision-making in complex scenarios.

Basic Features

- Intelligence
- Curiosity
- Social intelligence

Composite Features

- Wisdom – The balance of curiosity, skepticism, patience, humility, and intelligence

6. ABLE TO DEDUCE NEW LAWS FROM LEGAL PRECEDENT

A judge or leader must have a **strong legal mind**—a combination of reasoning ability, decisiveness, and an understanding of context. They must apply **existing principles to new situations** while maintaining the balance of fairness and law.

Basic Features

- Intelligence
- Decisiveness
- Diligence

Composite Features

- Diplomacy – A balance of patience, cunning, openness, and decisiveness

7. OF GOOD REPUTATION

Reputation is built over time, and only those who have demonstrated **consistent ethical behavior** and **public trust** earn this distinction. A judge or leader with a strong reputation is respected not only for their **competence** but also for their **fairness, wisdom, and moral standing**.

Basic Features

- Loyalty

- Honesty
- Patience

Composite Features

- Charisma – A blend of confidence, openness, passion, and decisiveness
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CONCLUSION

Selecting judges and leaders is not merely about their **knowledge** or **experience**—it is about their **character**. The world’s most published book provides a **timeless blueprint** for identifying the right individuals for these roles.

By breaking down these qualities into **Basic and Composite Features**, we can now define an **ideal profile** of a **judge or leader**. The **seven Judge Qualifiers**—God-fearing, integrity, detachment from wealth, righteousness, insightfulness, legal reasoning, and good reputation—each correspond to a **unique set of human traits** that make someone a **true guardian of justice and fairness**.

QUESTION: Would you entrust **your future** to someone who lacks these qualities?

HOMEWORK: Look around carefully at the judges and leaders that we selected. Would they pass our newly minted 7-Point Qualifier?

1. There is no book by Lev Neymotin. This is just an essay.
2. Make it more compact, 10 minutes.
3. The content and descriptions of the 7 qualifiers are not in the BOOK, only TITLES of 7 features.
4. I want to make it a little more argumentative. For example, in #3 I would suggest that people of wealth are less corruptible and go into judging or leadership for the benefit of society.
5. Express my personal disappointment with what I see around...