

It Must Be Considered

“It must be considered that there is **nothing more difficult** to carry out, nor **more doubtful** of success, not **more dangerous** to handle, than to **initiate a new order** of things. For the reformer has enemies in all those who **profit by the old order**, and only **lukewarm defenders** in all those who would **profit by the new order**, this luke - warmedness arising partly from **fear of their adversaries**, who have the **laws in their favor**; and partly from the **incredulity of mankind**, who do **not truly believe** in anything new until they have had actual experience of it. Thus it arises that on every opportunity **for attacking the reformer**, his opponents do so with **the zeal** of partisans, the others only defend him half-heartedly, so that between them he runs **great danger**.”

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