

IN PRAISE OF
NEPOTISM

A NATURAL HISTORY

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Why has no one
written a book on
nepotism
don't need to read entire
book

our perception
nepotism = favoritism for
the undeserving. P 465
nepotism defined

Old Nepotism
New Nepotism
Classical

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95% of all American business is family owned or controlled
New nepotism - children growing to follow in family's footsteps
Latin ~~to~~ nepos meaning nephew or grandson / actually from Italian
American war against nepotism began in the 17th Century.
we are in the midst of an enormous boom in generational succession

genius of the mafia is its culture of nepotism - The movie Godfather
we have effectively killed off the patriarchal father with those
of the state p 48

King Lear

American attitude toward nepotism is the exception,
not the rule

Jesus

Golden Age of Nepotism

Borgia

Bonaparte

Rothschild

Ben Franklin

Africa - The Tribes

China - The Clan

India - The Castes

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George W. elimination of death tax

The Roosevelts - 70% estate tax

"nepotism has always been obnoxious to Americans" p 47

Crowd/Kennedy p 460

The Renaissance Papacy is one of the greatest monuments
to nepotism in Western History - Borgias p 190

JFK appoints RFK attorney general at Joe's insistence
Strode 1961 - two men talked a dozen times a day

Lincoln - the essence of democracy was friendship -
his rule of reciprocity Aesopian creed of reciprocity