

Merits of Behavioural Approach:

The merits of behavioural approach may briefly be put as under —

1. It is free from the weakness of the traditional approach.
2. It is scientific as well as in keeping with the present trends and developed methods of research in social sciences.
3. It is pragmatic and empirical being based on facts and actual experience.
4. It endeavours to arrive at precise generalizations and realistic conclusions.
5. It can predict the political behaviour of individuals and groups.

Post Behaviouralism

David Easton, who himself was forerunner of behaviouralism, criticised behaviouralism in 1969 in his presidential address to the 'APSA'.

David Easton has given seven traits of post behaviouralism. According to him —

1. Substance must precede technique. It is more important to be relevant rather than to develop sophisticated tools of investigation.
2. Behavioural science conceals an ideology of empirical conservatism. To them empirical political Scientist must lend its support to the maintenance of very factual conditions it explored.