

# Part I

## Populist Democracy

▶ Every day, demands are put forward that are both excessive and untimely. And they are untimely because, however justified, the present state of our economy cannot satisfy such demands. Unreasonable strikes, often motivated by political or corporatist priorities, create a climate of confusion and uncertainty that hampers economic development to the general detriment. Because it is obvious that only through economic growth is it possible that the needs of the people will be satisfied in a permanent and complete way.

Constantine Karamanlis, Speech in Parliament,  
16 October 1975