



HOBBS VS. LOCKE





		
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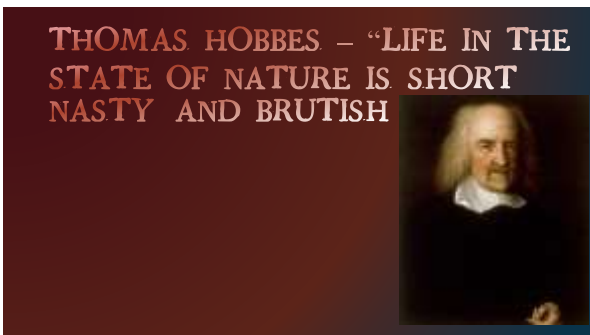
- ## SOCIAL CONTRACT
1. What is the origin of government?
 2. How much authority should the state have over the individual?



THOMAS HOBBS

LEVIATHAN (1651)

Defense of Philosophical
Absolutism



SUPER
PONIES
NEED
BACK
SCRATCHES



Job 41

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BEHOLD, THE HOPE OF HIM IS IN VAIN:
SHALL NOT ONE BE CAST DOWN
EVEN AT THE SIGHT OF HIM?

NONE IS SO FIERCE THAT DARE STIR HIM UP:
WHO THEN IS ABLE TO STAND BEFORE ME?

OUT OF HIS MOUTH GO BURNING
LAMPS, AND SPARKS OF FIRE LEAP OUT.

OUT OF HIS NOSTRILS GOETH SMOKE, AS
OUT OF A SEETHING POT OR CALDRON.

HIS HEART IS AS FIRM
AS A STONE...

LEVIATHAN



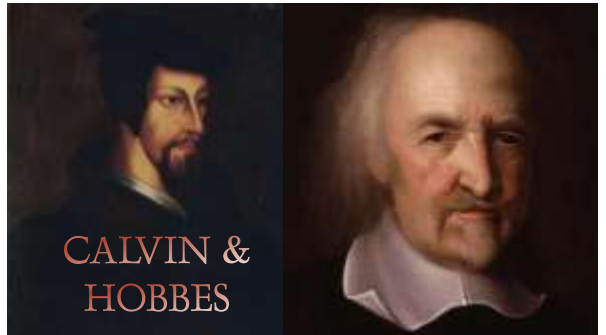
A ruler should be powerful enough to be beyond challenge.

TO KEEP US FROM DESTROYING EACH OTHER



HUMAN NATURE

CALVIN & HOBBS



TRUST?



THE BACKDROP

Hobbes wrote *Leviathan* in the midst of the English Civil War



JOHN LOCKE

TWO TREATISES
OF GOVERNMENT (1689)

Defense of Constitutionalism



LIFE
LIBERTY
PROPERTY



JOHN LOCKE – NATURAL RIGHTS AND LIMITED GOVERNMENT



LOCKE'S SOCIAL CONTRACT

1. People agree to obey and follow the ruler
2. Ruler agrees to protect the people and their natural rights
3. If the ruler abuses the people -> he has broken the agreement/contract -> he can be legitimately replaced

☐ Locke provides legal/philosophical justification for revolution

THE LIMITS OF ABSOLUTISM

- ❑ Absolute monarchs were not able to establish absolute power
- ❑ Local power was still mostly in the hands of the nobles
- ❑ Landowning aristocracy was immensely powerful - > they limited what monarchs could do





BACKDROP

GLORIOUS


AND [ALMOST] BLOODLESS

REVOLUTION






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Question	HOBBS	LOCKE	Agree?
The Original State of Humankind	State of NATURE		✓
Divine Right or Social Contract?	SOCIAL Contract		✓

COMPARE (How are they similar?)



HOBBS VS LOCKE



Question	HOBBS	LOCKE	Agree?
WHY Government?	To Protect us FROM OURSELVES	To Protect NATURAL RIGHTS	✗
Where does sovereignty reside?	The MONARCH	The PEOPLE	✗
Can a government's power be limited?	NO	YES	✗
Right of REVOLUTION?	NO	YES	✗

CONTRAST (How do they differ?)