

**«TWO TREATISES OF GOVERNMENT»
BY JOHN LOCKE**

JOHN LOCKE

THE FATHER OF LIBERAL POLITICAL THOUGHT

THE INTELLECTUAL FATHER OF THE
AMERICAN REVOLUTION





Went on to study
medicine at Oxford
and planned to be a
doctor



Born into a quiet
Somerset village
in 1632



Politician Anthony
Ashley Cooper
suggested to move to
London to become
part of his household



Began to participate
in the great
scientific
educational
religious and

LOCKE WAS A PROLIFIC AUTHOR

BUT

HIS GRAND WORK IS CONSIDERED

**«THE TWO TREATISES ON
GOVERNMENT»**

**WHO SHOULD RULE THE
COUNTRY?**

**WHAT IS LEGITIMATE
BASIS?**





THE FIRST TREATISE ON GOVERNMENT

Spoiler :

It was against Patriarchalism

AN EXTENDED ATTACK!

Sir Robert Filmer

Divinely ordained,
hereditary, absolute
monarchy!

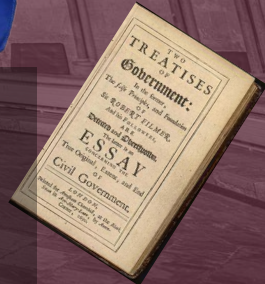


«Patriarcha

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**John
Locke**

No king has ever
claimed that his
authority rested upon
his being the heir of





THE SECOND TREATISE ON GOVERNMENT

*about the origin and the proper extent
of government*

Political Authority derived directly
from God??



Thomas

Hobbes

“Without an absolute
rules, we would all kill
each other!”

John

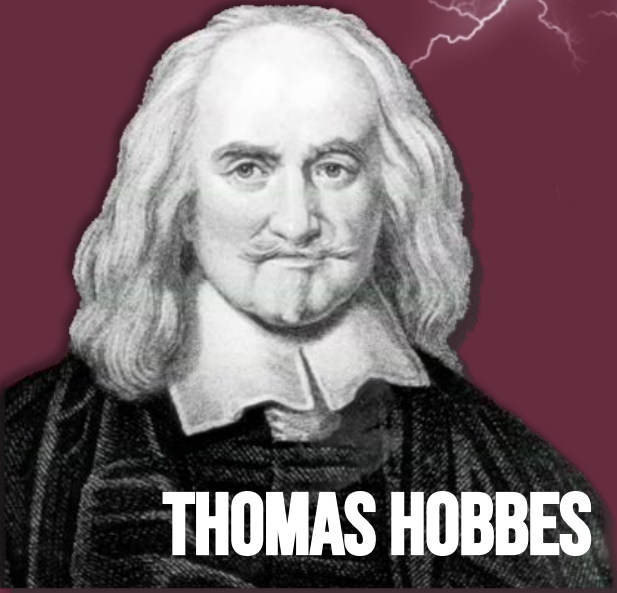
Locke

“It’s the government’s
job to protect our
natural rights given us
by God!”



Nevertheless, both reject the idea of «divine right absolutism»...

**Philosophical
ABSOLUTISM**



THOMAS HOBBS

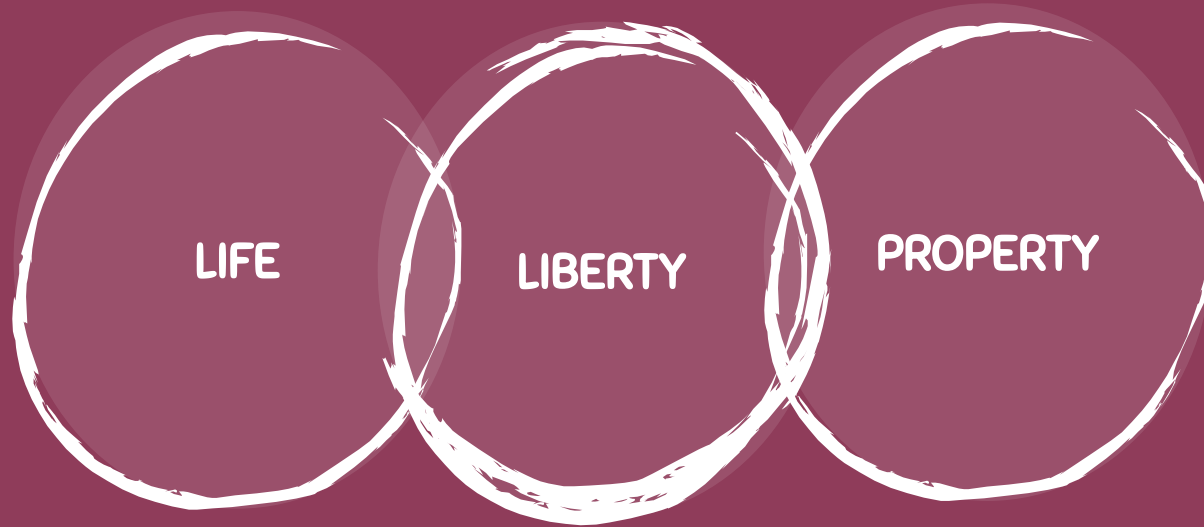
**Philosophical & Biblical
CONSTITUTIONALISM**



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God gave Adam natural rights and thus gave these natural rights to every human being

(Biblical justification by Locke)





**THE WHOLE POINT OF GOVERNMENT IS THAT WE CAN ENJOY
OUR NATURAL RIGHTS TO A GREATER EXTENT THAN WE WOULD
IF WE DIDN'T HAVE GOVERNMENT**

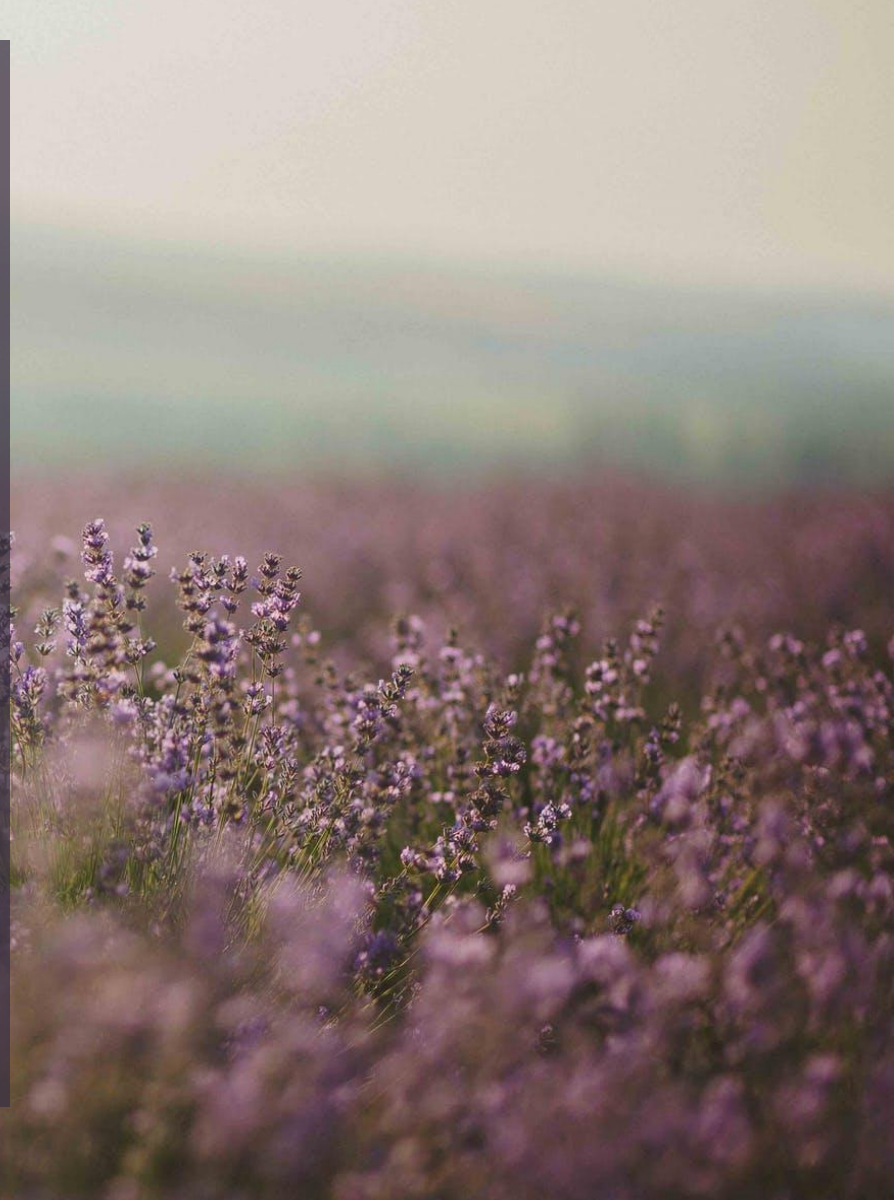


THE SOCIAL CONTRACT BY LOCKE

**GOVERNMENT IS A DEAL
BETWEEN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE GOVERNED
AND THE PEOPLE DOING THE GOVERNING**

**LOCKE ARGUES HUMANS ARE
PRETTY GOOD PEOPLE :**

**THEY ARE FAIRLY RESPONSIBLE,
THEY JUST NEED A LITTLE HELP
FROM A GOVERNING
ARRANGEMENT TO STRUCTURE
A SOCIETY FOR THE COMMON
WELFARE**





**IF THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT PRESERVING
THE NATURAL RIGHTS OF THEIR CITIZENS –
THEY HAVE A RIGHT OF REVOLUTION**




**LOCKE WAS THE FIRST PERSON
WHO SYSTEMATICALLY ARGUES FOR A
SEPARATION OF POWERS IN GOVERNMENT**

A golden statue of Lady Justice, the personification of the law, is shown from the chest up. She is wearing a blindfold and holding a pair of scales in her raised right hand and a sword in her left hand. The background is a clear, bright blue sky. A black horizontal band with white text is superimposed over the middle of the image.

LOCKE'S INFLUENCE ON INTERNATIONAL LAW

An aerial photograph of a city, likely London, showing a wide river (the River Thames) flowing through the center. A large bridge with multiple arches spans the river. The city buildings are dense and colorful, with green spaces visible. The top half of the image is partially obscured by a dark green banner with white text. The text is in a bold, sans-serif font and reads: "SOVEREIGNTY AND NATURAL LAW IN A GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL NORMS GOVERNING THE RELATIONS OF SELF-GOVERNING SOCIETIES".

**SOVEREIGNTY AND NATURAL LAW IN A GENERAL
FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL NORMS GOVERNING
THE RELATIONS OF SELF-GOVERNING SOCIETIES**

A street scene in Rome, Italy, featuring a large crowd of people gathered around a fountain in the foreground. The background shows multi-story buildings with balconies and windows, illuminated by the warm light of a setting or rising sun. A purple semi-transparent banner is overlaid on the middle of the image, containing white text.

**LOCKE'S IDEAS CONTRIBUTED ENORMOUSLY TO THE
MODERNIZATION OF THE IDEA OF
INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, CONSTITUTIONALISM AND
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**