

Social Philosophy Philosophy of History



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Complexity in perception of society:



- Permanent
- Regular
- Stable

*for society can by
find ?*

Social philosophy: main problems:



- Society **order**
- Society (**general**) – Individuality (**single**)
- **Freedom** – Necessity
- Matter – Spirit
- **Equality** - Inequality
- **Justice** – Injustice
- Determine development – undetermined development

Social atomism

- only one aspiration of everyone is to be happy – **individual happiness**
- **Society must give us possibility** to realize this aspiration



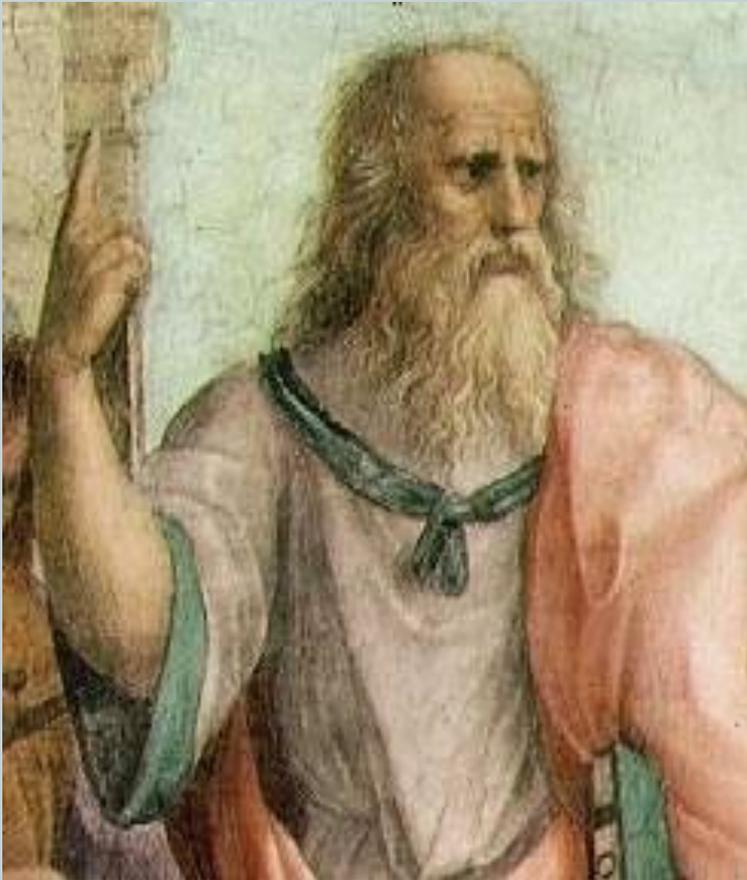
Наше счастье в наших руках

Social Universalism



- Society – strong and unique self-dependent reality
- Exists because of itself

Antiquity about society & personality: **Plato**

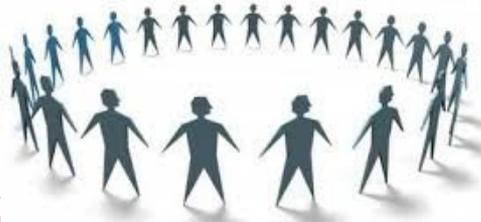


- **Harmony** – basic principle
- **Authority** of the leaders (**philosophers** must rule, because they can do this for **justice**; know what is **good** for the people; don't think about their **personal** interest)

Antiquity about society & personality: **Aristotle**



- **Man outside** the society is only **abstraction**
- **Law** - basic principle
- **Society** – unity of the equal people with the same aim – to achieve better life



Holism

- from *ὅλος* *holos*, a Greek word meaning **all, whole, entire, total**
- social systems and their properties, should be viewed as **integrity**, not as collections of parts
- Society as an **organism**
- **Single exists for general**



Individualism (liberalism)

- "the moral worth of the individual"
- **human individual** is of **primary importance** in the struggle for liberation.
- Society as **system** of relations between people
- **General exists for single**

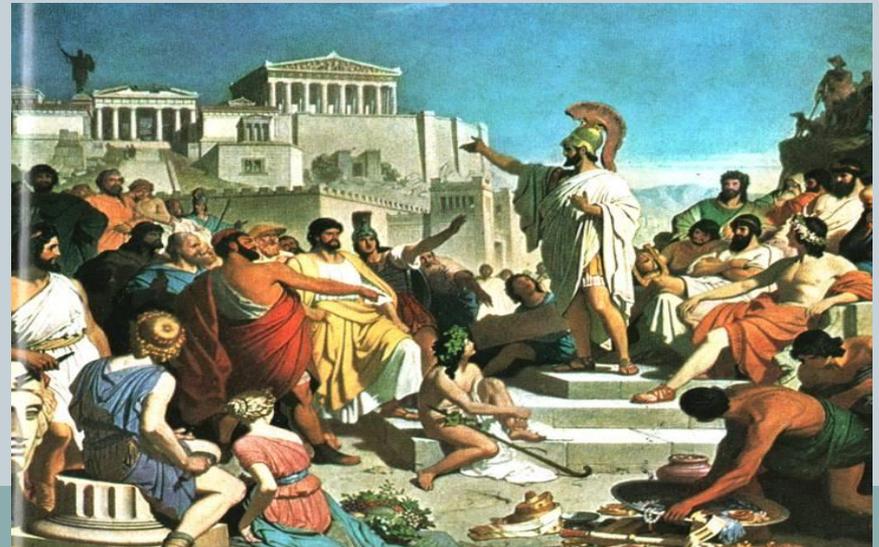
Holism

- Sparta – hard administration



Individualism (liberalism)

- Athenian democracy – freedom limited by democratically laws



John Locke (1632 –1704)



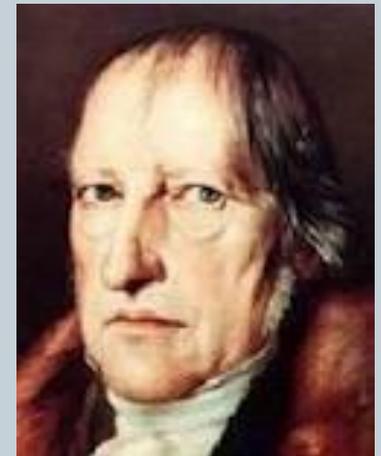
- theory was founded on **social contract theory**
- human nature is characterized by **reason** and **tolerance**
- In a natural state all people were **equal and independent**, and everyone had a natural right to defend “**Life, health, Liberty, or Possessions**”
- advocated **governmental separation of powers** and believed that revolution is not only a right but an obligation in some circumstances.
- These ideas would come to have profound influence on the *Declaration of Independence* and the *Constitution of the United States*

Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

(1770 – 1831)



- All history of mankind is an unfolding of Absolute Reason
- Everything real is reasonable, all reasonable is real
- **State** is the aim of historical process



John Stuart Mill (1806 –1873)



● **On Liberty**

- the nature and limits of the power that can be legitimately exercised by society over the individual
- ***it is alright for someone to harm themselves as long as they are not harming others***
- impassioned defense of ***free speech***: free discourse is a necessary condition for intellectual and social progress.



- **"social liberty"** - protection from "the tyranny of political rulers." He introduced a number of different tyrannies, including **social tyranny**, and also the **tyranny of the majority**.



Social justice



- Can the world be possible without inequality?
- Where are the measures?
- What can be generally useful and morally defensible?
- **Past:** division into social groups according to religion, tradition, laws
- **Present:** property (admissible)
race, sex (inadmissible)

Freedom



- Freedom **from** & freedom **for**

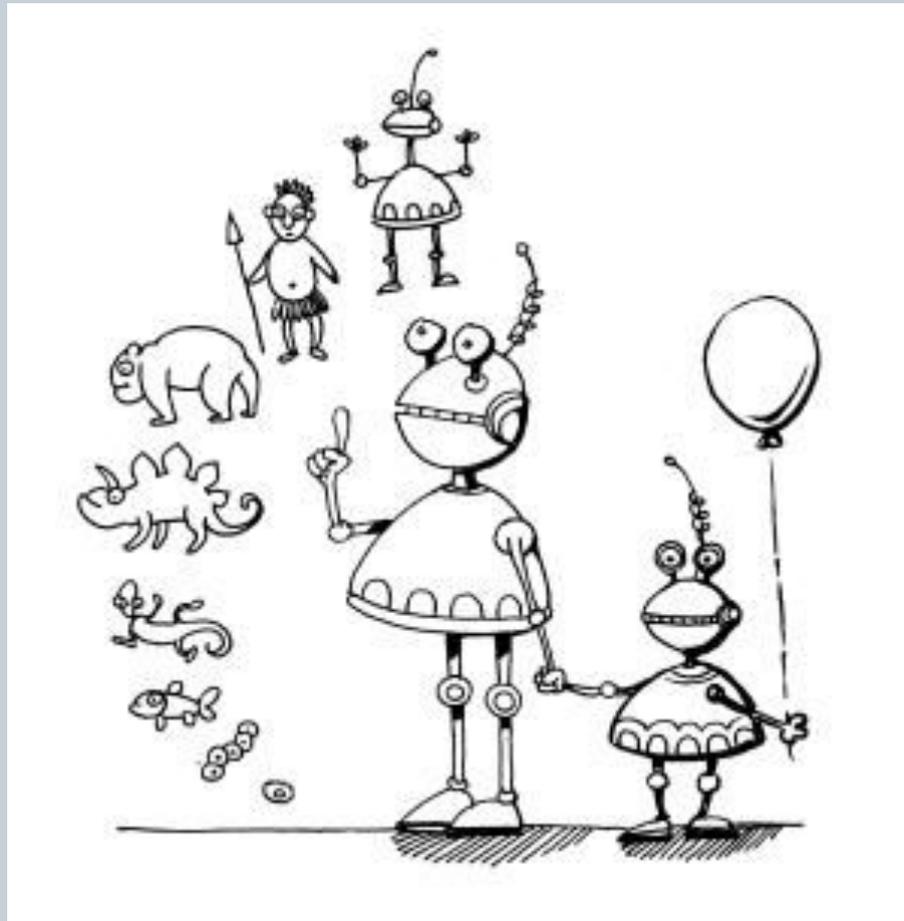
“Escape from Freedom” Erich Fromm

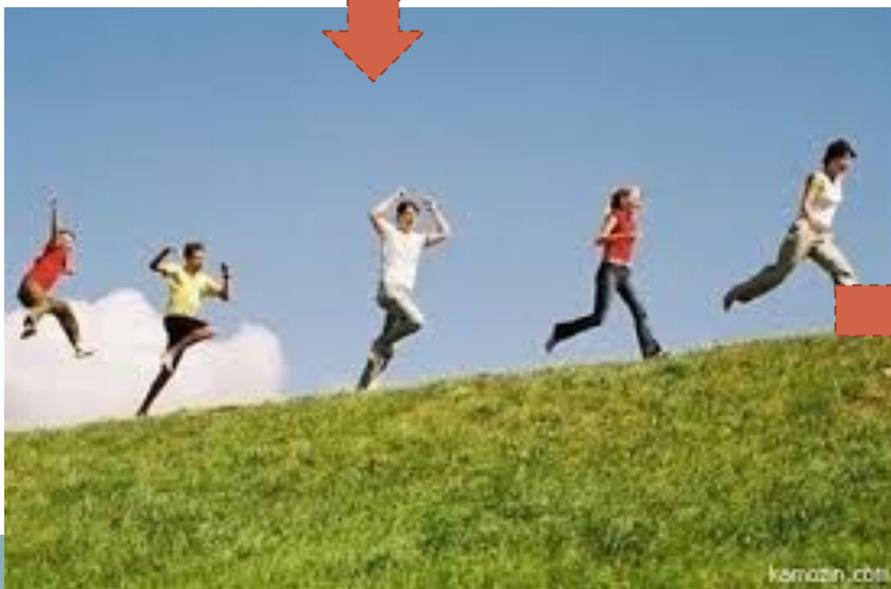
“freedom gives person feeling of weakness and anxiety”

- Friedrich Engels:

“Freedom – **understanding of objective laws** and existing according to them; cognition of **necessity**”

Linear & cyclical history conceptions







Civilization:

- **Childhood** – barbarians
- **Youth** – beginning of blossoming
- **Maturity** – bloom, prosperity
- **Old age** – dehumanization, bureaucratism, militarism, skepticism

Modern world

“Hypertrophy
of means
(resources,
tools) &
atrophy of
goals”

*Consumer`s
epoch*



Thank you!



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