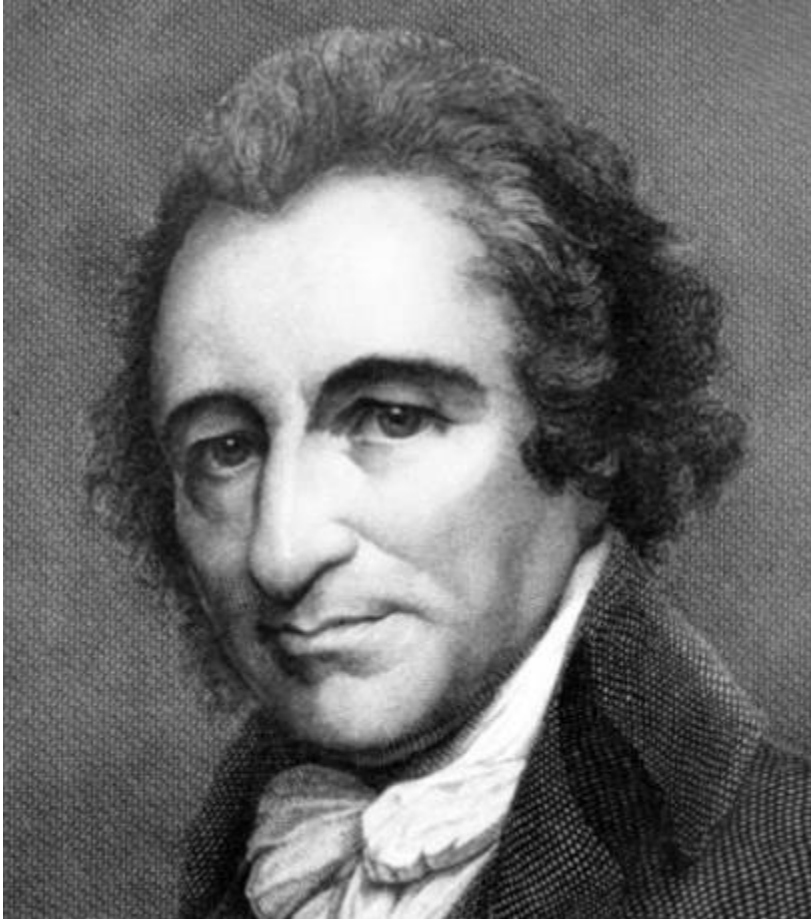


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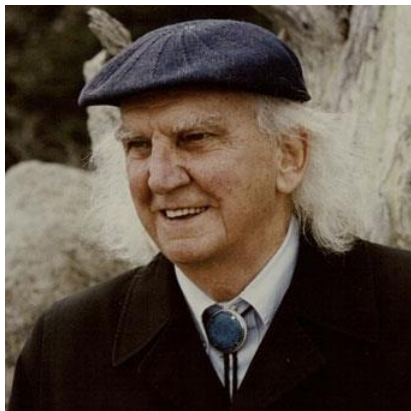
“Society in every state
(*or condition*) is a
blessing, but
government, even in its
best state, is but a
necessary evil; in its
worst state, an
intolerable one.”



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What is Power?

“The possibility of imposing one’s will upon the behavior of other persons.” – *Max Weber*



“Our capacity to get other people to do things that contribute to what we want.”

– *Kenneth E. Boulding*



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Sources of Power

Expertise

Coercion

Rewards

Persuasion

Formal Authority



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Social Contract Theory

Unwritten contract between the ruler and the ruled; consent of the governed. When contract is broken, ruler loses *legitimacy*.

Locke's Key Ideas:

Natural rights, tabula rasa, state of nature, liberty and property

John Locke



Portrait of Locke in 1697 by Godfrey Kneller

Born	29 August 1632 Wrighton, Somerset, England
Died	28 October 1704 (aged 72) High Laver, Essex, England
Nationality	English
Alma mater	Christ Church, Oxford (BA 1656; MA 1658) Oxford University (MBBS, 1675)
Era	17th-century philosophy (Modern philosophy)

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Necessities for Government

Coercion



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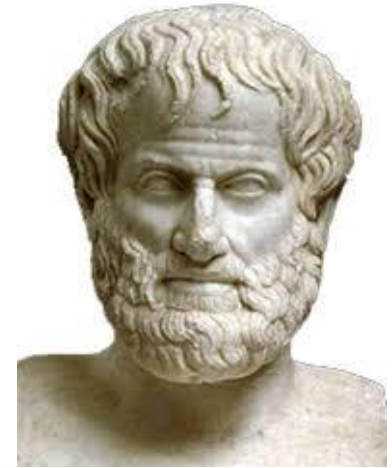


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Aristotle's Classification of Gov't

Interested in ethics, seeks to answer two question:

1. *Who has the power?*
2. *To what end?*



Aristotle's 'True' vs. 'Despotic' Forms of Government

Number of Rulers	'True' (Common Interest)	'Despotic' (Selfish Interest)
one	Monarchy	Tyranny
few	Aristocracy	Oligarchy
many	Polity	Democracy

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Nation-states:

a *sovereign* state whose citizens or subjects are relatively homogeneous in factors such as language or common descent.

Four Necessary Characteristics:

1. Territorial integrity
2. Stable population
3. Code of laws
4. National sovereignty

