

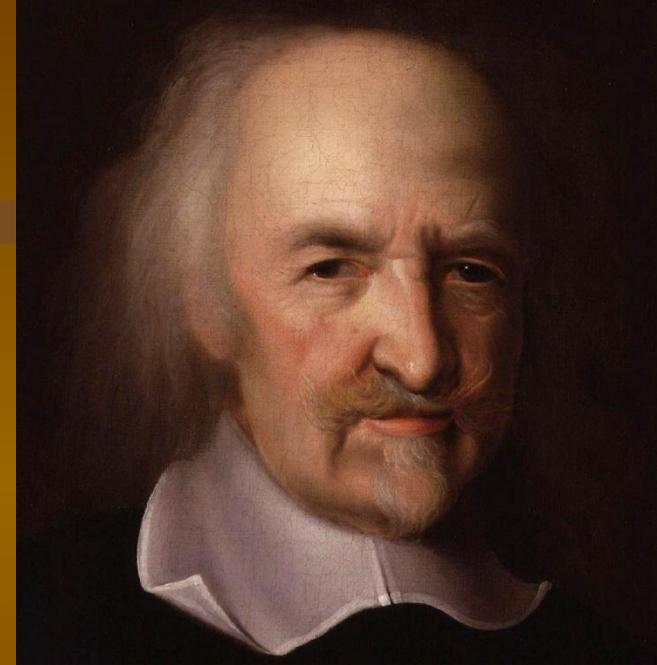
The Enlightenment in Europe

Chapter 22, Section 2

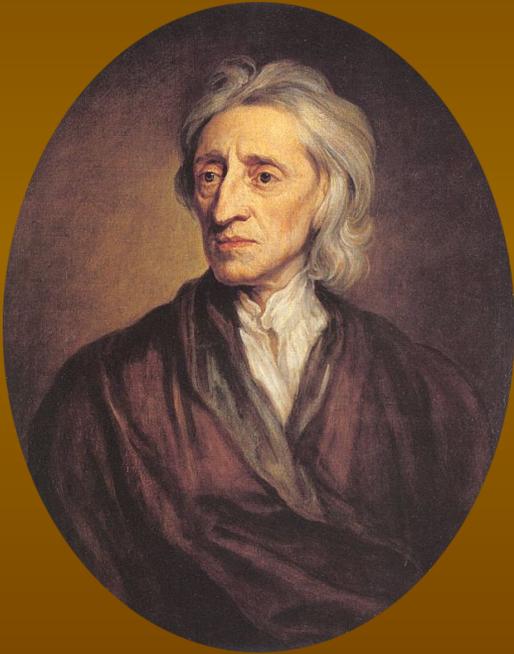


Thomas Hobbes

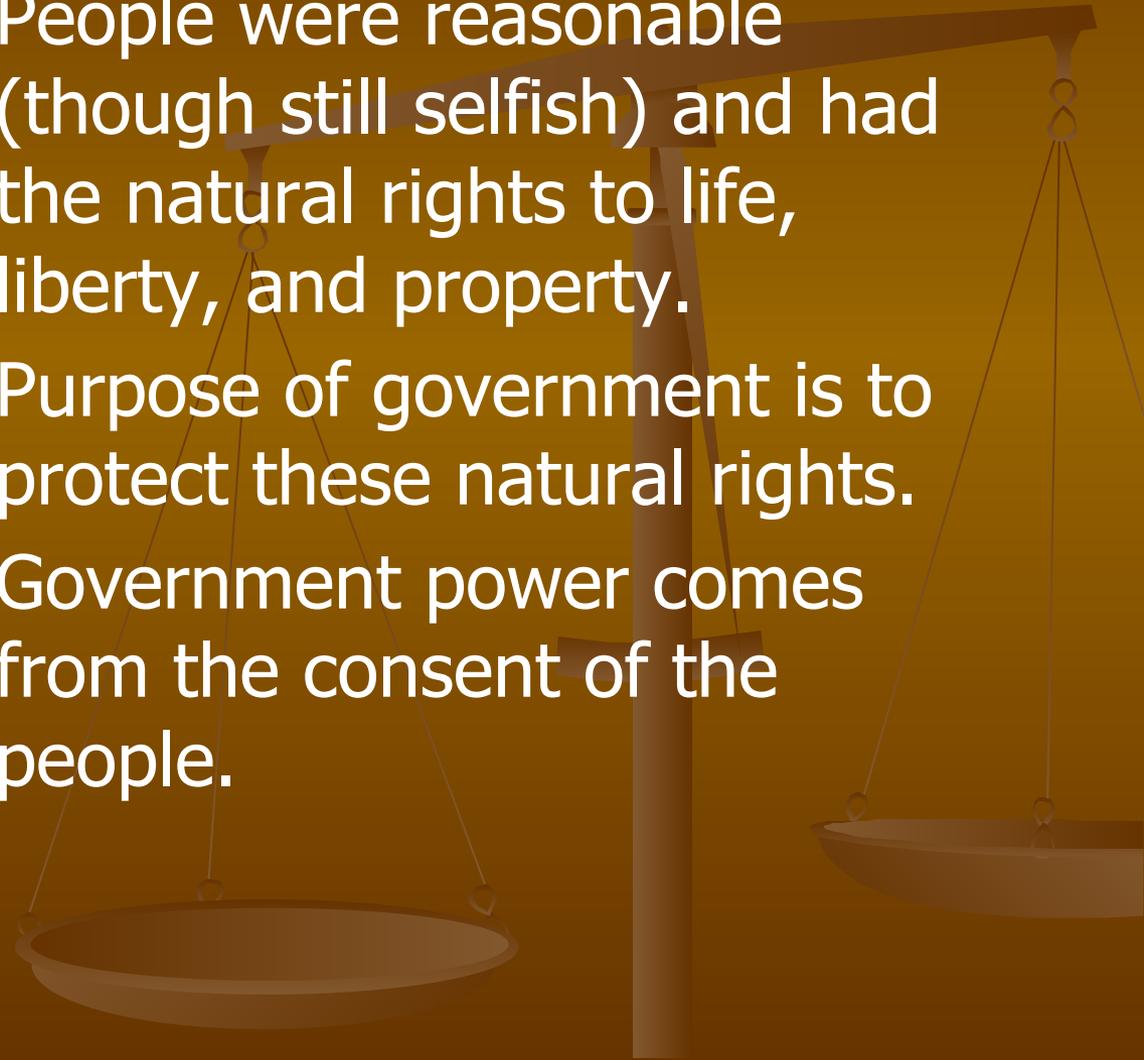
- All humans were naturally selfish and wicked, therefore governments must keep order.
- People should hand over their rights to a strong ruler. This was what Hobbes called a *social contract*.
- Strong ruler should have total power (an absolute monarchy).
- This powerful government with awesome power is what he called a leviathan (sea monster) therefore he titled his book *Leviathan* (1651).



John Locke



- People were reasonable (though still selfish) and had the natural rights to life, liberty, and property.
- Purpose of government is to protect these natural rights.
- Government power comes from the consent of the people.

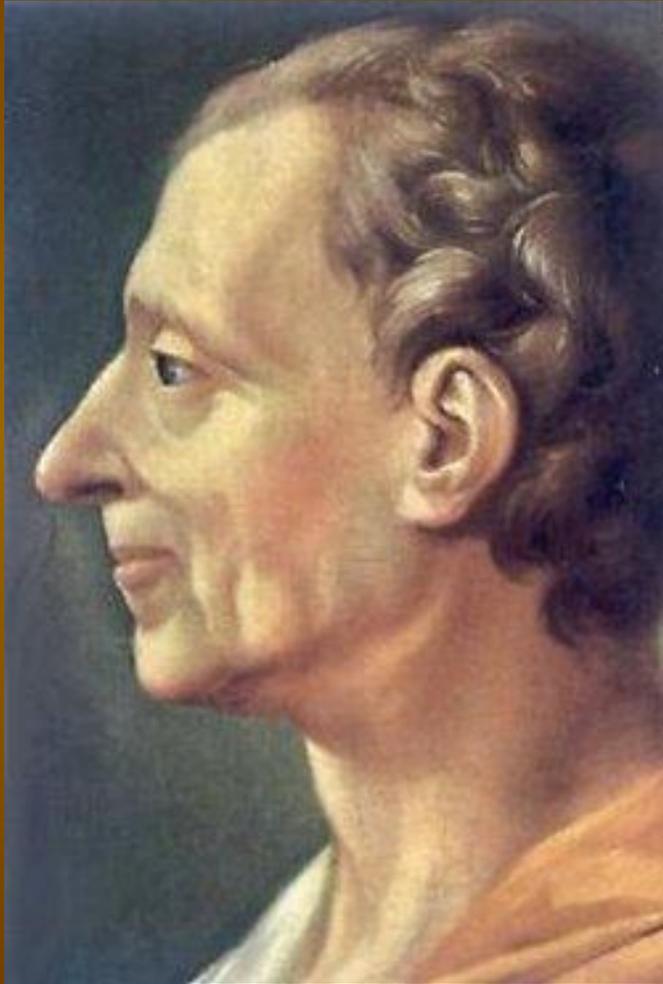


Voltaire

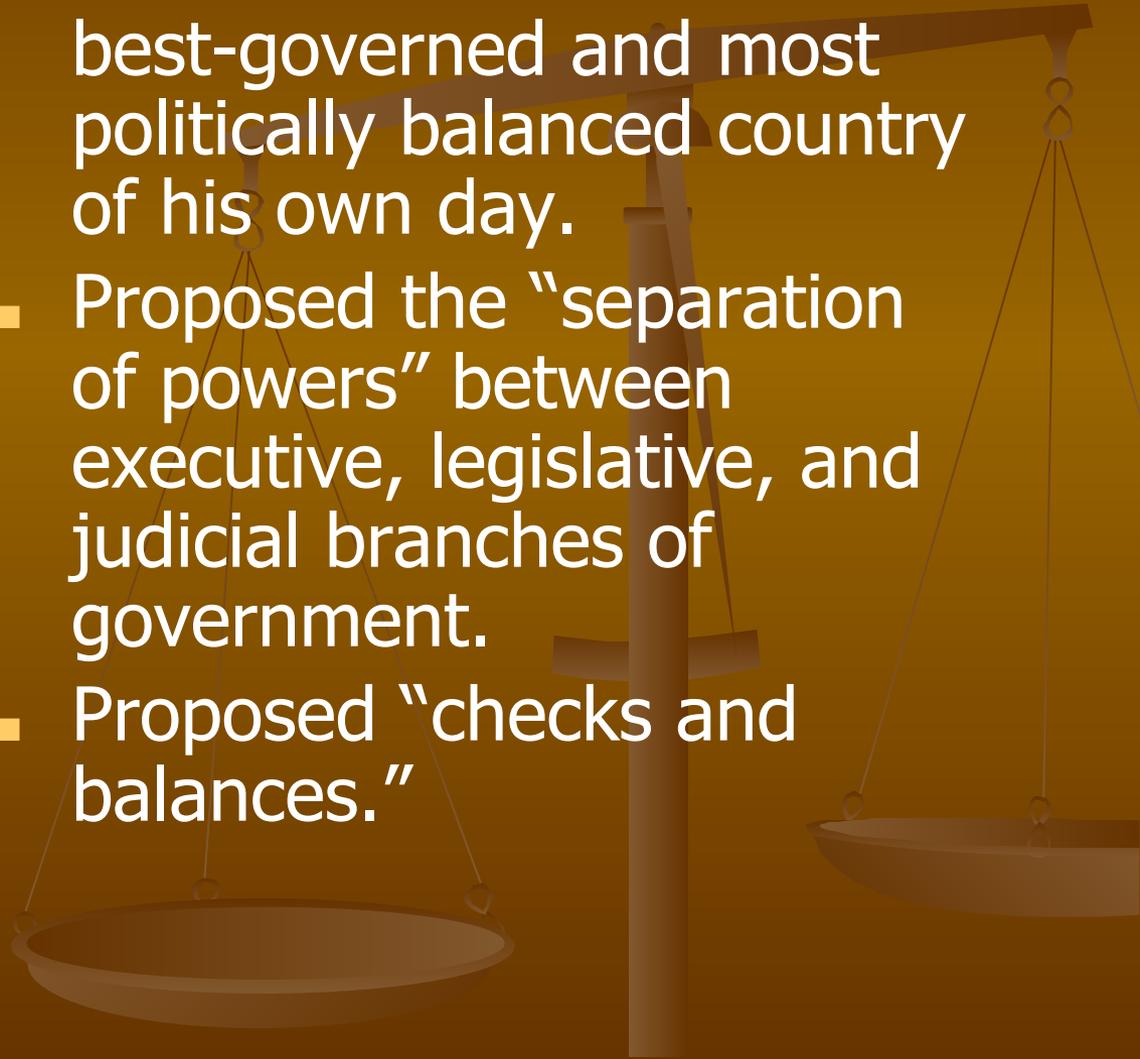
- Wrote more than 70 books of political essays, philosophy, and drama.
- Used satire against his enemies, especially the clergy.
- Beliefs:
 - Tolerance
 - Reason
 - Freedom of religious belief
 - Freedom of speech
 - "I do not agree with a word you say but will defend to the death your right to say it."



Montesquieu

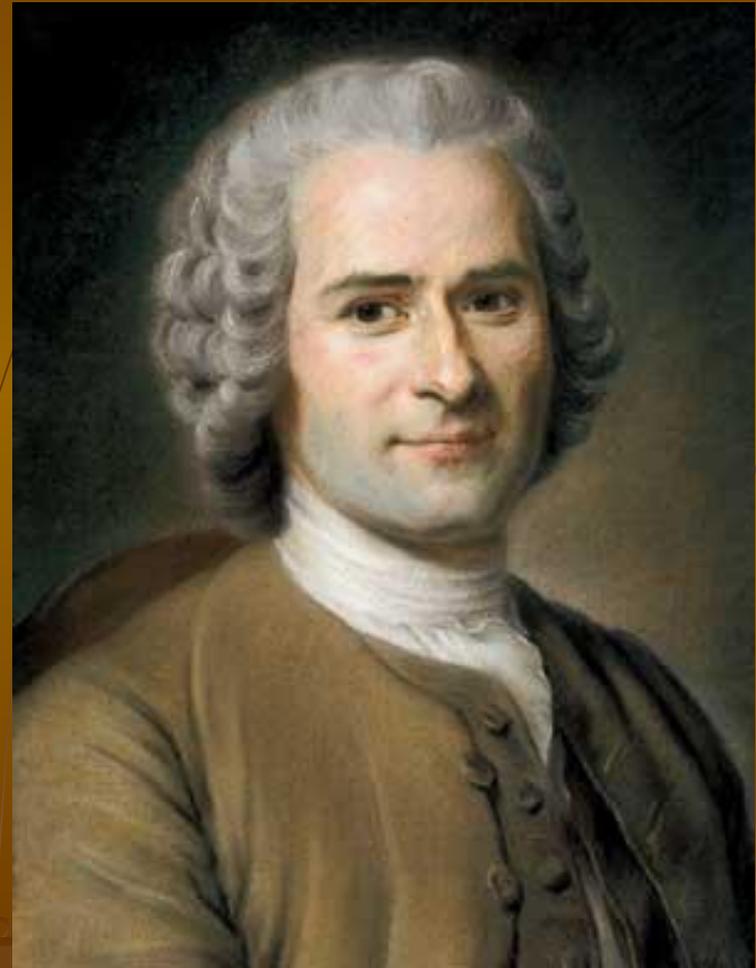


- Believed Britain was the best-governed and most politically balanced country of his own day.
- Proposed the “separation of powers” between executive, legislative, and judicial branches of government.
- Proposed “checks and balances.”



Jean-Jacques Rousseau

- Passionately committed to individual freedom.
- Believed man was born free and good but easily corrupted.
- Believed the only good government was the “general will” or direct democracy.



Cesare Bonesana Beccaria

- Beliefs
 - Laws existed to preserve social order, not avenge crime.
 - Accused should receive speedy trials.
 - Torture should never be used.
 - Degree of punishment should match seriousness of crime.
 - Capital punishment (death penalty) should be abolished.



Mary Wollstonecraft

- Women should be equally educated along with men.
- Women should enter professions traditionally dominated by men like medicine and politics.
- Wrote *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*

