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Philosopher	Can people be trusted to govern themselves Yes or No?	View of Human Nature	Autocracy or Democracy	Ideal form of government
Thomas Hobbes	NO	Men are self centered beasts <i>"perpetual and restless desire for power after power ceasing only in death"</i>	Autocracy	Absolute ruler with unlimited powers, Brutal dictator
John Locke	YES	Man is a blank slate Tabula Rosa <i>"Man has inalienable rights to life, liberty, and property"</i>	Democracy	Democracy- Based on the consent of the governed If government threatens your inalienable rights than you have the right to overthrow that government French and American Revolutions influenced by Locke's ideas on government
Voltaire	NO	Man is brutal, greedy, oppressive, intolerant, and dishonest <i>"I do not agree with everything you say, but I defend your right to say it to the death"</i>	Autocracy	Enlightened Monarch <i>"The best government is a benevolent tyranny tempered by an occasional assassination."</i>
Montesqueiu	NO	Man is greedy as well as power hungry <i>"Man invested with power is apt to abuse it"</i>	Democracy	Separation of powers to ensure it does not get abused Legislative Executive Judicial
Rousseau	YES	Man is good, naturally free, and equal <i>"Man is born free, but everywhere is in chains"</i> Civilization corrupts man Education is an institution that corrupts man	Democracy	Direct Democracy Intrinsic learning No formal education