

Social 30

- Current Events
- **SOME OLD DEAD WHITE DUDES!**

Back to the Past

- Are we better off today than we were 100 years ago?
- Why or why not?

PRICES and PRINCE

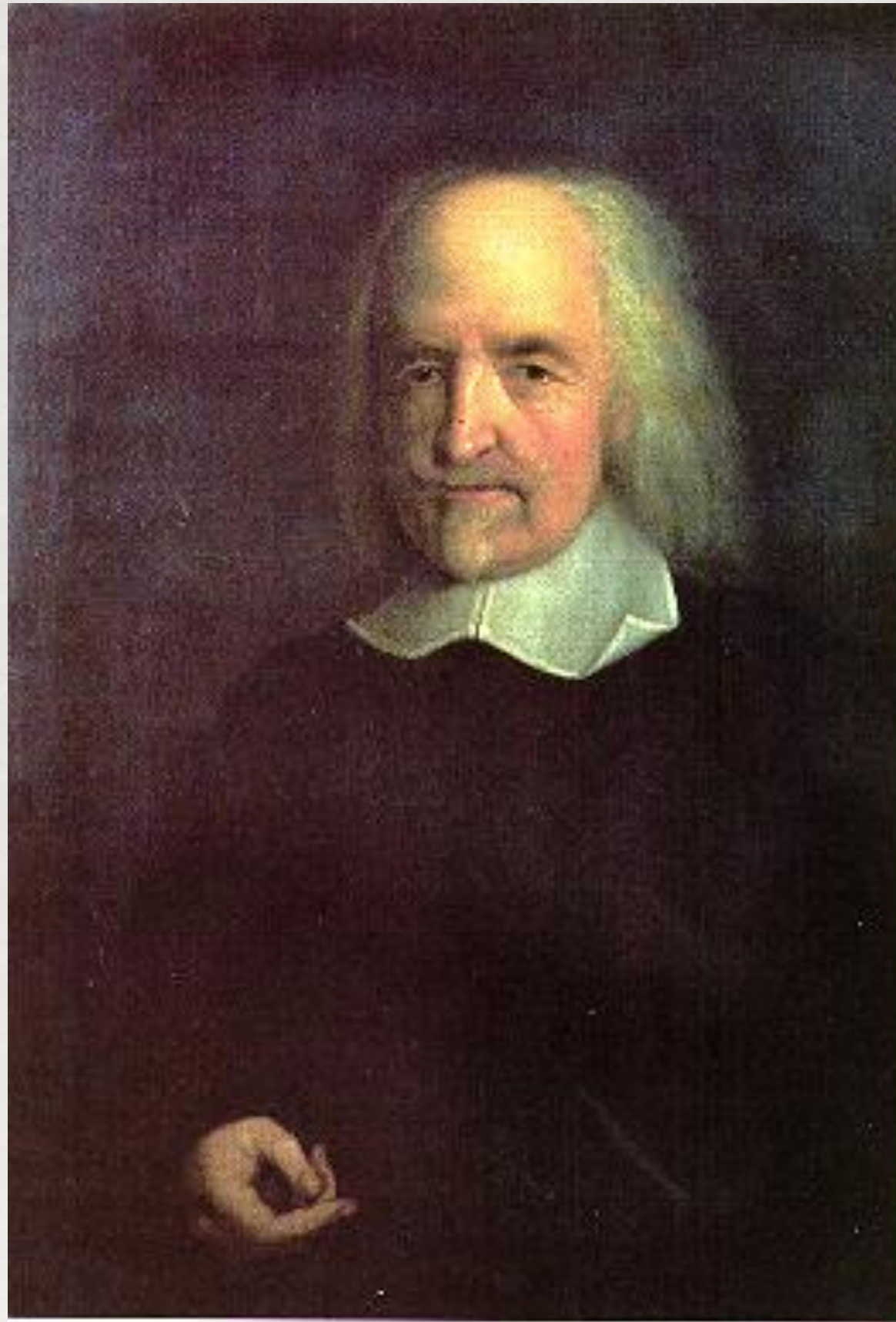
- Keep your books closed!

Philosophers

Old Dudes Who Said Some Stuff

Thomas “Don’t Call Me Horrible” Hobbes

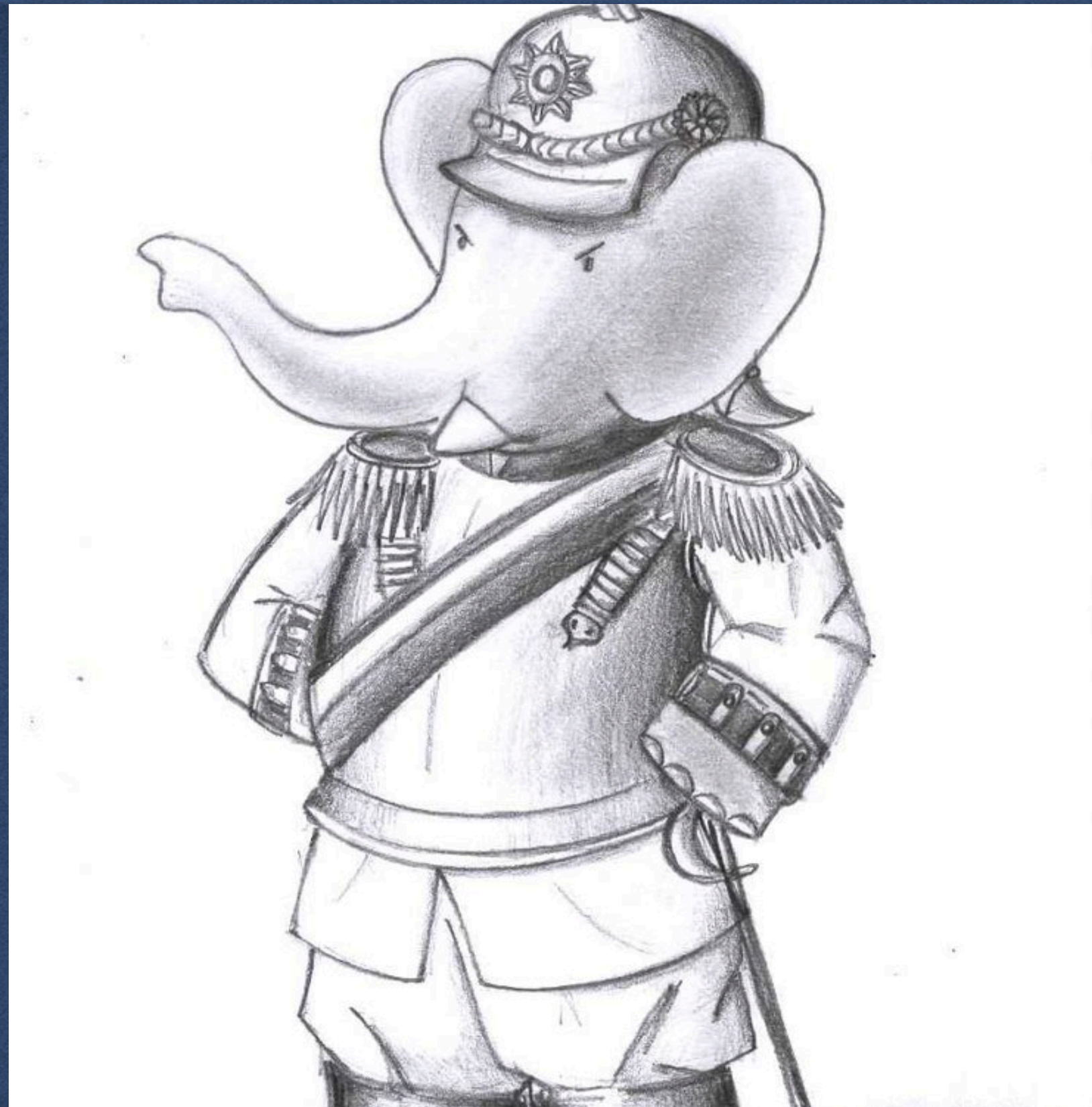
(1588-1679)



- ✦ *“The life of man “is solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short.”*
- ✦ *an example of a philosopher who preferred “the evils of absolute power” to “the evils of life in a society that did not contain such an authority.”*
- ✦ *a psychological theory about the nature of people. According to this view, a **person is by nature “selfish” and “egoistic.”***
- ✦ *In order to have “a peaceful society,” it is therefore required that **the ruler have absolute control** over it.*







Absolute Ruler

Benefits? Problems?

THE SOVEREIGN

- ✦ Whatever abuses arise from his possession of such power, the society will nevertheless remain a peaceful one-and hence the **abuses of power are to be preferred to living in “chaos.”**
- ✦ Laws are effective, if, and only if, they are enforced. And the enforcing agency can do so only if it is granted absolute power.
- ✦ Since sovereignty is created by a “covenant,” or “contract,” the subject retains all those “natural rights” that can not be transferred by covenant. For instance, people always have liberty to defend their lives against the sovereign.

Locke ness Monster

- ✦ John Locke (1632 - 1704)
- ✦ **“humans are a social animal”**
- ✦ “state of nature” is one where humans are not wholly selfish or cooperative and own their own private property.
- ✦ the **“law of nature”** is that **“no one ought to harm another in his life, health, liberty or possessions”**
- ✦ So... if this is the natural world, the question becomes....

This guy



Not this guy

Keep it on Locke

- ✦ Humans will assault and maim each other
- ✦ Life is characterized by one person or group seeking absolute power over others. (creating a “state of war”)
- ✦ When this occurs we are required to oppose them.
- ✦ Locke believes that Monarchy is an example of this.

Locked into it

✦ Locke's **Social Contract**

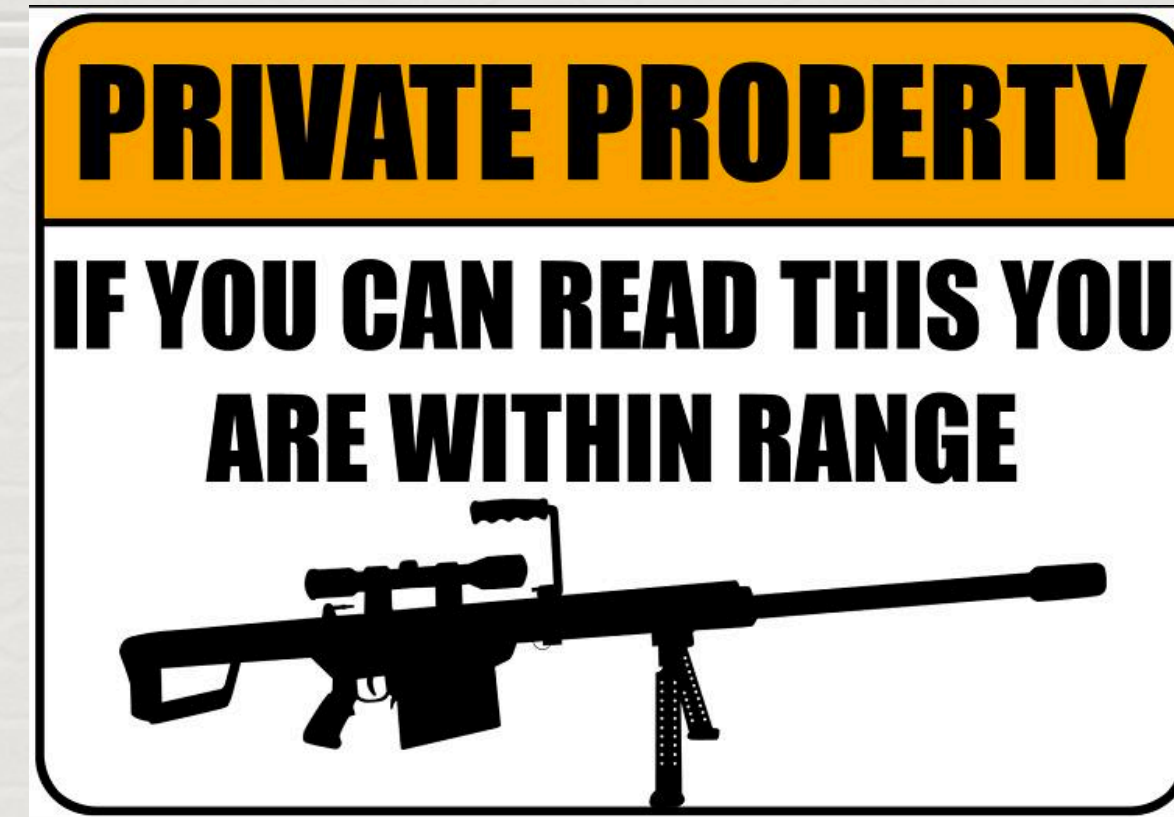
- ✦ societally agreed upon law, not force, is the basis of govt
- ✦ **A gov't without law will be tyrannical** (this is the danger with the Hobbes view of a single ruler)
- ✦ *We give up our right to ourselves exact retribution for crimes in return for impartial justice backed by overwhelming force. We retain the right to life and liberty, and gain the right to just, impartial protection of our property*
- ✦ Locke emphasizes that the government is appointed by the people and is therefore “responsible to them”. This means the people hold the authority in society.

Hobbes vs. Locke vs. You



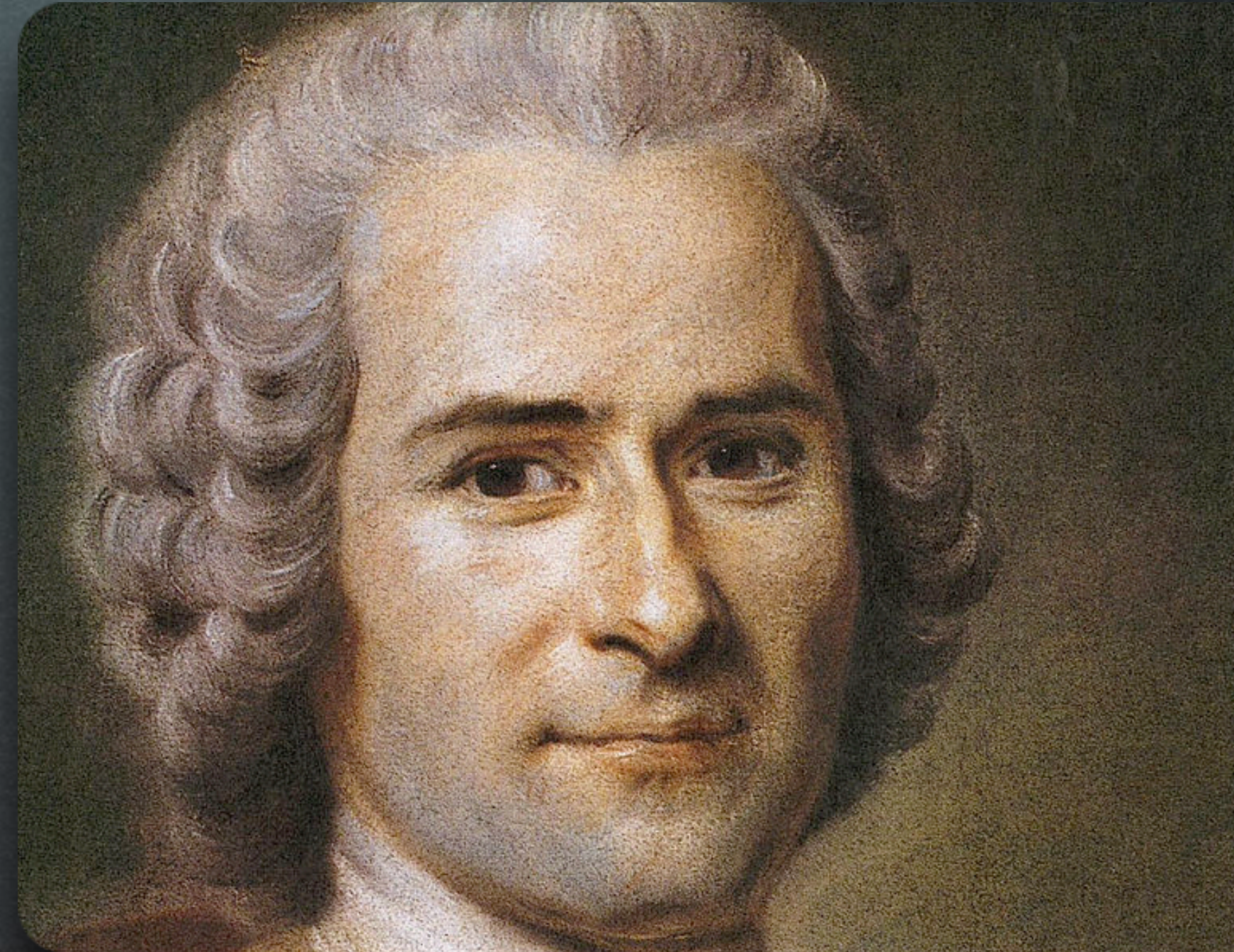
Padlocke your door

- ✦ According to him, no government can justly take away a person's private property.
- ✦ This is because private property is, to a great extent, the fruit of a person's own labour.
- ✦ In a significant sense, part of the person is invested in his property (and to take it from him is tantamount to an assault upon his physical person.)



**Locke believed
the main right
was that to own
private property**

Rousseau What?



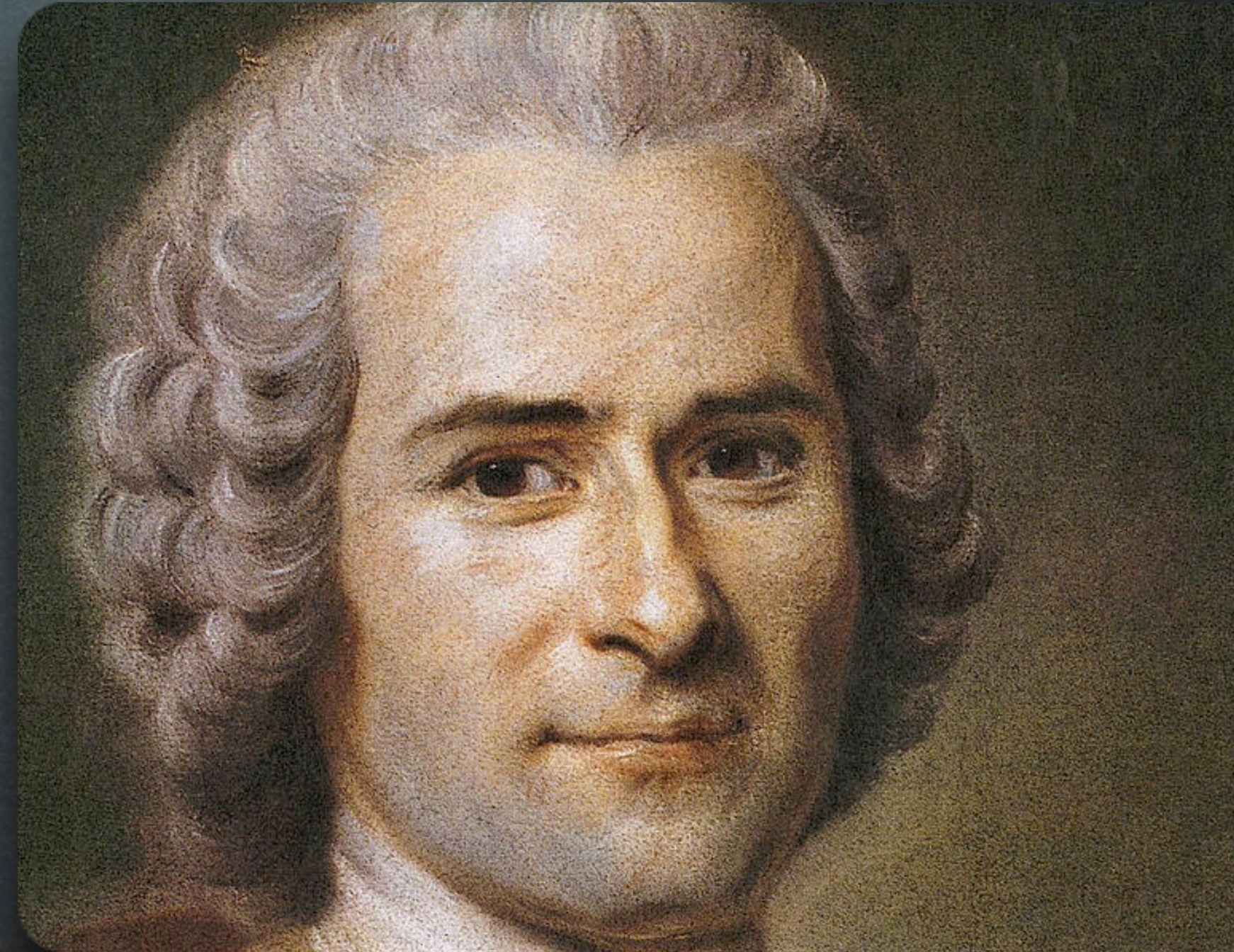
Jean Jacques Rousseau (1712-78)

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Rousseau What?

- Rousseau believed that good government must have **the freedom of all its citizens as its most fundamental objective.**
- He believed that if **society** could be **directly ruled by** the wants of each **individual** person (**not** by **representatives** like in a democracy) then the mob rule would allow humans to **find the best form of government.**



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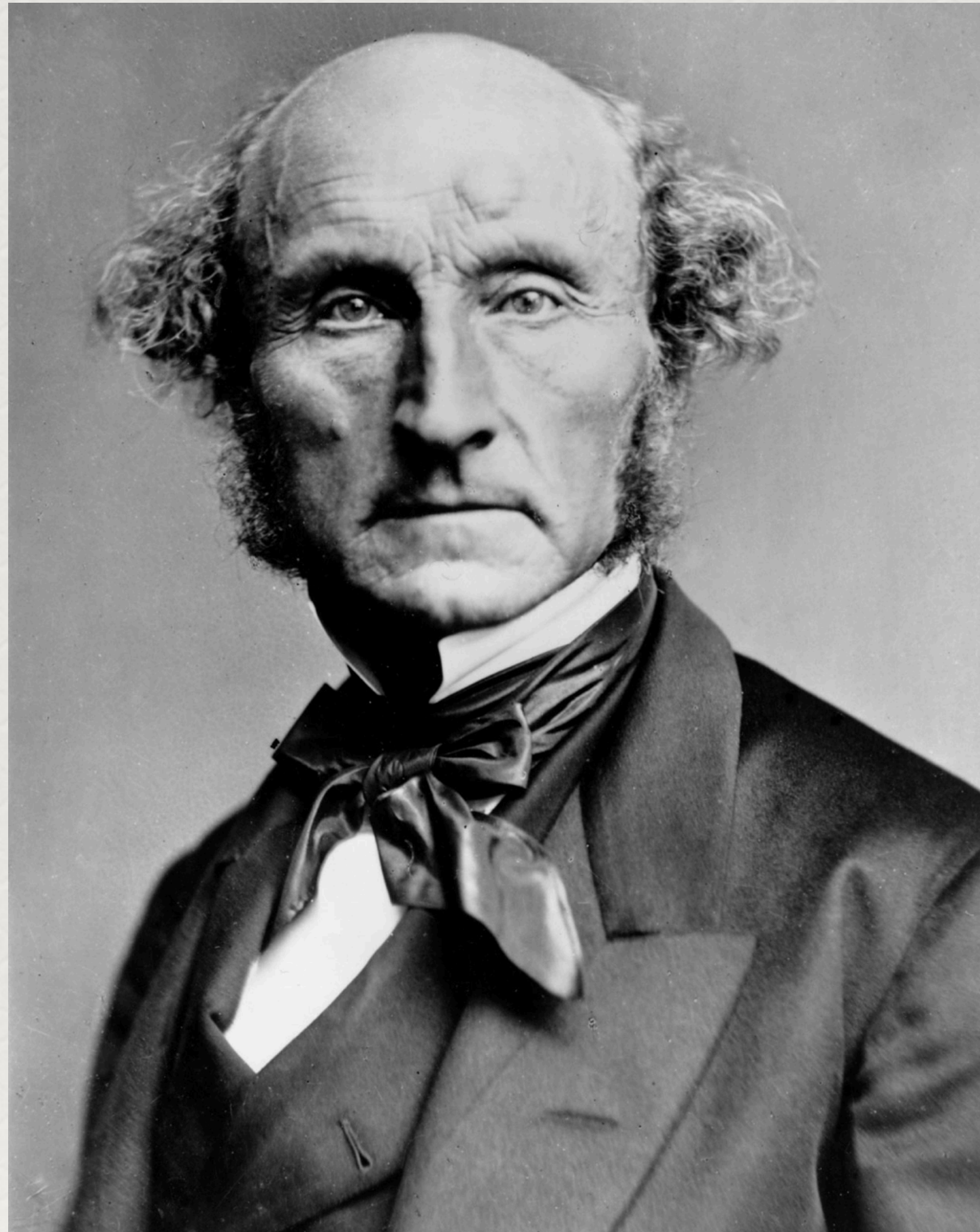
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Over my dead body

- ✦ *Hobbes and Rousseau (Jean) disagreed with Private Property rights.*
- ✦ *“Property is a creation of society”*
- ✦ *Before society “there is no thine or mine”*
- ✦ *A man owns what he can hold by force; he has no “right” to anything*



John Stuart Mill



- ✦ (1806 - 1873)
- ✦ Some dangers to freedom are insidious because they come from within democracy itself
- ✦ What do you think these dangers are?
How do they happen?

Run of the Mill

- ✦ **Tyranny of the majority stifles the development of individualistic behaviour.**
- ✦ Mill believed that freedom of speech was something never to be restricted. The cost of restricting rights is worse than any offensive opinion.



It's for the *Millions*

- ✦ **Mill's harm principle states that a person can do whatever he wants as long as his actions do not harm others, and if they do harm others, society is able to prevent those actions**
- ✦ **Laws should not restrict the freedoms of individuals because of what *might* be**



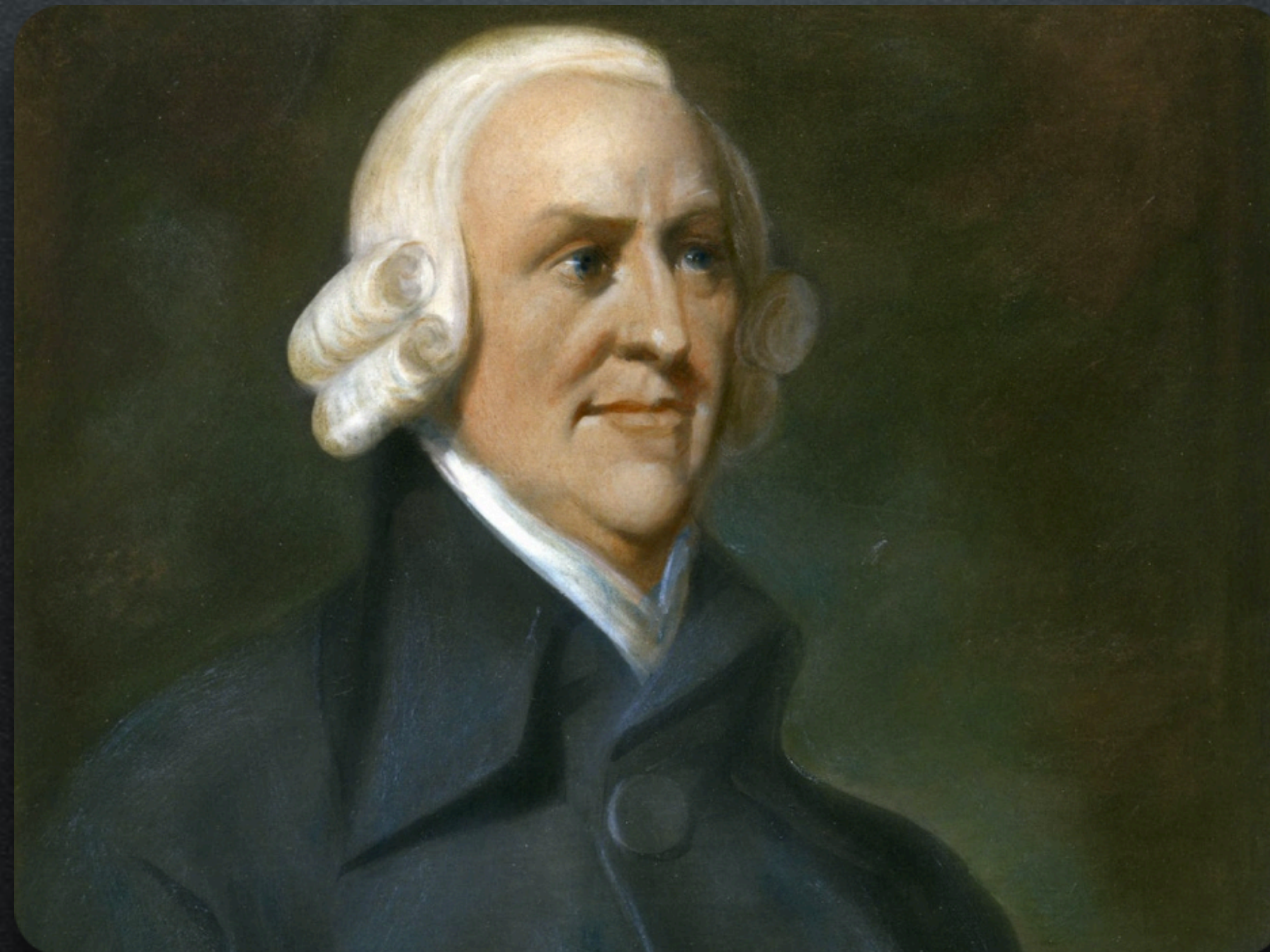
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- Current Events
- Last Couple Old Dudes
- Start Assignment



Free Adam

- Adam Smith (1727-1790)
- Believed in the guiding hand of the “Free Market”



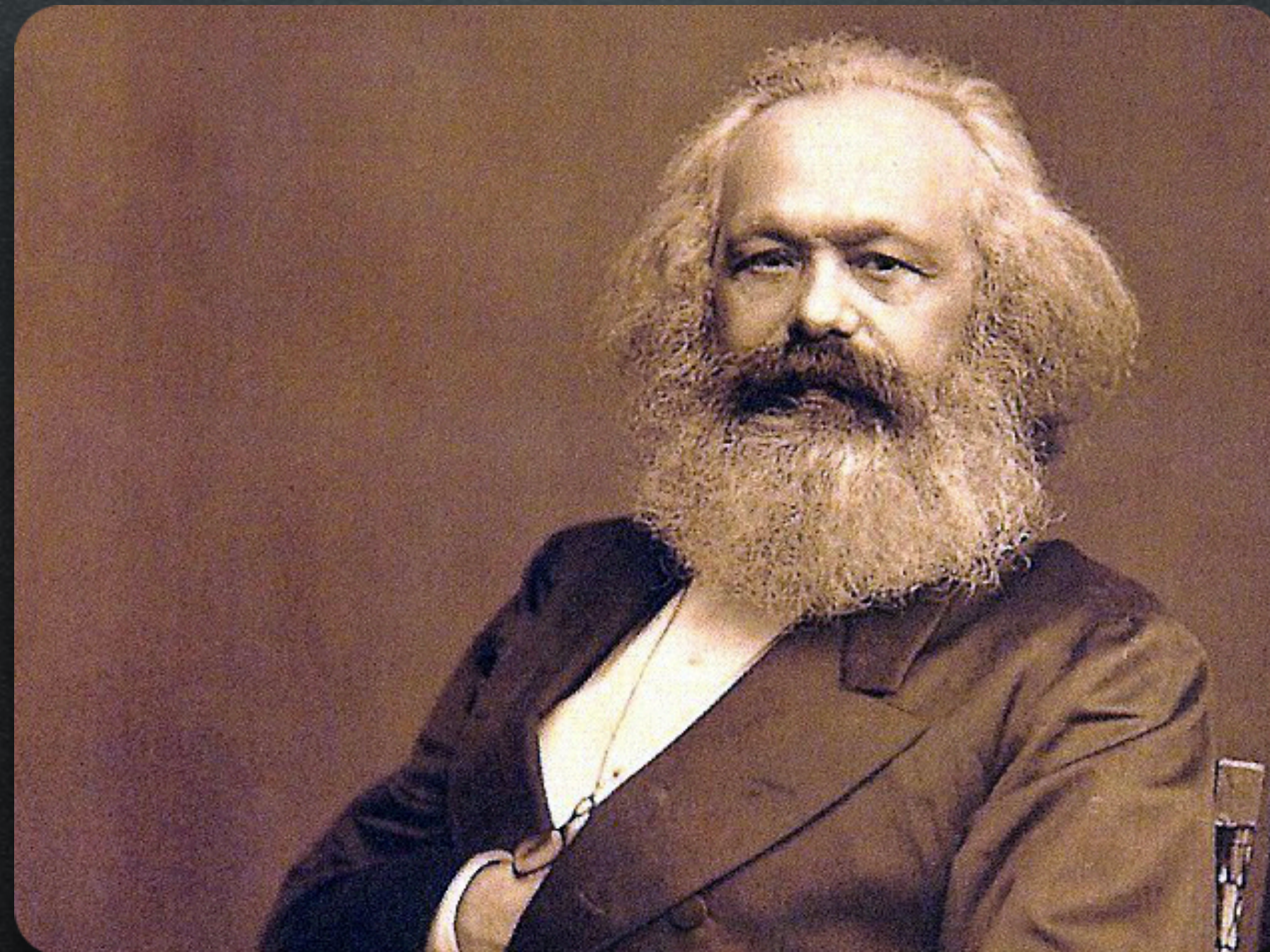
Agent Smith

- Discusses:
 - the division of labor and free trade,
 - **self-interest** in exchange,
 - **consumer sovereignty**,
 - the **limits on government intervention**,
 - price, and the general structure of the market.

Smith was the first individual to advocate for **laissez-faire in the market place**. His ideas were based on a system of **competition**.

This One is for Marx

- Karl Marx (1815 - 1883)
- Thought that it was the material factors in society which determined the way we think.



Marx for Being Right

- No natural right
- **Ruling class decides what is right**
- History is merely a matter of who owns the means of production.



For all of history conflict is between those who own the means and those who do not. And since classes will never voluntarily relinquish power, **change can only come from revolution.**

Another Brick in the Wall

Alienation: Capitalist system workers work for others. No connection to work and thus himself.

Slaves for another social class.

Exploitation of workers: where does profit come from? How do you create more?

- Labour: man works and transforms nature -> nature interacts with man and transforms consciousness
- The way you think is closely connected to the job you do.

Charles-Louis de Secondat, Baron de La Brède et de Montesquieu **(Montesquieu)**

Montesquieu saw two types of governmental power existing: the sovereign and the administrative.

The administrative powers were **the executive, the legislative, and the judicial.**

These should be separate from and dependent upon each other so that the influence of any one power would not be able to exceed that of the other two, either singly or in combination.

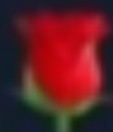


1689 - 1755

What period are ALL of these philosophers from?



Jeremy Flood



@_Floodlight



If the vaccine was dangerous they would've given it to poor people first, not politicians and billionaires.

Hit the Marx

- **Does the government perpetuate the problem of poverty by providing money for the poor?**

SOCIAL 30

- [Current Events (Happy: 38,388 / Sad: 11,719)
- [6 Definitions
- [Setup the Instassignment

Socialism

- [WAY more on this later but for now:
- [a political and economic theory of social organization that advocates that the **means of production**, distribution, and exchange **should be owned or regulated by the government**
- [**Collectivist Economic System**

Spectrum of Change

- [**Radical** - a person who advocates thorough or complete political or social reform
- [**Liberal** - open to new behavior or opinions and willing to discard traditional values.
- [**Moderate** - are open to changes, if necessary
- [**Conservative** - want to keep the status quo
- [**Reactionary** - favor a return to the status quo, the previous political state of society, which they believe possessed characteristics (discipline, respect for authority, etc.) that are negatively absent from the contemporary status quo of a society.

One Post Each About:

- [Interpretations of History
 - 2 philosophers
- [Beliefs about Human Nature
 - Captions
- [Beliefs about Society (person)
 - If working with a partner:
comments (2 per post)
- [Visions for the Future

Plus the bio

Gram it



- [A terrible, terrible day. #FreedomIsChaos #NeedAKing
- [@LockeDown: Man, @HippityHobbes you're such a downer, we need to #OverthrowTheMonarch and let people be #Free