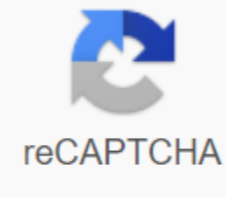




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In 1688, Queen Elizabeth II was a member of the World War II. It was the result of what is now known as the glorious revolution or the revolution of 1688. Naturalist and political philosopher John Locke was present to witness these events and was so coerced that he wrote the so-called second treatise on government. In it, Locke tried to explain why He was tossed by II. He defines for us the legitimate role of the civilian government (Uzgalis). The best way to figure out Locke's justification was to imagine a state in which no government exists. Then, by taking the state, defining where necessary, laws and governing bodies are needed. Locke described the role of the civil government: Political power is therefore the right to make laws with the death penalty and, consequently, fewer penalties, for the regulation and preservation of property and for the use of the power of the community, the implementation of such laws and the protection of public assets from foreign injury; and all for the common good (Locke). Locke believed, contrary to his claims, that God made every man naturally subject to a ruler that people were naturally free. (Tuckness). This belief was the foundation of the philosophy of government. For Locke, there was a government that promoted, among other things, the common good and to protect the lives, freedoms and property of its people. Governors must therefore be elected by society and society must have the power to bring about a new government if necessary. In this section of the treatise -CHAPTER XIX- John Locke discusses the disbandment of the government, the way the people reshaped that government, and the natural and just rebellions that occur in the monarchy abuse of power. In order to understand the purpose of the document, it is first necessary to distinguish between the disbandment of society and the disbandment of the government. (Locke 1). Locke argues that if society is dissolved, the government will be disbanded: It is impossible to frame a house that survives if the materials are ... an earthquake messed him up in a muddled pile. (Locke 1). What makes society (or community) an agreement many individuals act as an organ. If this agreement is broken and the individual decides to separate as he thinks fit, in another society, then the community will dissolve. If a government no longer has a partner, it will be disbanded. But when the government dissolves into a society still intact, whether by foreign force or by rebellion, the people reserve the right to return to the state they had before, the freedom to shift for themselves, and most importantly, the right to re-shape that government as they decide. In this chapter, it also states that if the lawmaker should try to take away the property of the people or try to make them into slavery, the lawmaker will lose power to the people (Locke 1). If the legislature does not lose power, Locke will not only encourage rebellion and revolution, but also see it as a social obligation. You might think that if all societies have to do it when they are not satisfied with their government to rebel, there will be frequent rebellion and unrest in society. John Locke argues that this does not happen because of revolutions and overthrows that occur only when the leader is a notorious abuse of power, and that societies are often slow to change old customs and customs(Locke 1). The system works because it allows power to be overthrown nonviolently by applying the general rule of majority rule, rather than a powerful principle of a government position. The aim of the document is therefore to convince his reader that the government will be disbanded and should be disbanded if his society is dissatisfied with it. Locke wrote alongside his contemporary Thomas Hobbes about the theory of social contract. The social contract is the idea that if a people is dissatisfied with their nature, they agree to transfer some of their rights to the government while retaining certain rights. The two also have documents that have strongly influenced the common belief in natural rights. Natural rights, as Locke and Hobbes viewed them, are the rights we should have as human beings before [a] government comes into force. (Tuckness). These two philosophies are the underlying beliefs, which Locke writes about all the political theories- theories that influence Voltaire, Rousseau, Montesquieu, and even the American revolutionaries. Perhaps the most obvious tip of Locke's theories in our own government is the United States Declaration of Independence. Thomas Jefferson wrote: We take these truths for granted, that all men are created equal, that their creator has given them certain inalienable rights, that these include the search for life, freedom, and happiness. John Locke wrote that it's just a little different. He declared that natural rights consist of life, freedom and wealth. He believed that people enter society because they are protected by their wealth; and in the end, while they choose and authorize legislation, they can have laws, and rules like guards and fences on the properties of the whole of society ... (Locke 1). Jefferson borrowed heavily from Locke's theories and believed that he was one of the greatest men who had ever lived, without exception, who [laid] the foundations for superstructures resurrected in the physical and moral sciences (Jefferson). During the drafting of the declaration, Jefferson He put Locke at the forefront of American political philosophy and ultimately democracy. Locke also influenced other founding fathers, such as Alexander Hamilton. Hamilton was the first U.S. Treasury secretary, political philosopher, and co-author of federalist documents. Locke's theory of enlightenment and social contract are evident in Hamilton's writings. James Madison, now considered the father of the Constitution, was the main author of the document. He also had a big impact on Locke's social contract and natural rights. Locke was not against the government; in fact, he supported it, as long as it existed according to the will of the people: The end of government is the good of mankind: and what is best for mankind is that men are always subject to the boundless will of tyranny, or that rulers can sometimes defy when they overuse their power and use it to destroy the attributes of their people, not to preserve it? (Locke 3). So it was for people to elect a government that though fit. He believed that because society would vote for their representatives, they should consider both sides before voting and that those who cast their votes before the debate and do not consider the reasons on all sides are not able to do so. (Locke 2). Locke's final argument is who will be the judge when the government abuses its power and acts contrary to their trust. When this question was referred to Locke (he probably brought it himself), he replied that The People should be judged: for he who judges whether his agent or deputy is doing well, according to the trust in him... In other words, who better to judge the integrity of an MP than those who voted in favour of this particular integrity? All these philosophies come from Locke's fundamental theory of natural rights, and social contract. These two ideas are what made the Western government in the 17th century. John Locke's role in political philosophy is undeniable, as is the search for life, freedom and happiness that came from it. John Locke chronology reference. John Locke Resources. February 7, 2009 Web. October 15, 2009 Locke, John. The second treatise on government. Print. Second treatise on government. I'm John Locke. March-April 1998. Web. October 15, 2009 Second treatise on government. Project Gutenberg. July-August. 2003. Web. October 15, 2009 Uzgalis, William. John Locke. Stanford Encyclopedia is philosophy. July 21, 2007 Web. On October 15, 2009, John Locke, a political philosopher and social psychologist, openly supported equal rights in a governed society. He stood up for one's natural rights, namely to life, freedom and and explained that the purpose of any government is to ensure these rights for citizens. He was a social contract theorist, believing that the legitimacy of the government relies on the consent of its citizens, which is based on equality. Locke's view of equality was not confined to the political realm; it also supported religious toleration, and atheism was the only notable exception. He supported the general tolerance of alternative religious beliefs, but encouraged the ex-communication of non-believers. In order to understand both the progressive areas of Locke's philosophy and the dogmatic well, we need to analyze the political and religious understanding of life, because these things inform the moral code and explain the seemingly opposite ideas of philosophy. The analysis of Locke's theory follows a kind of chronology, beginning with the presence of equality in the state of nature. This idea of natural equality transitions in the state as men leave the natural state and enter society. Then, once the government is established, the role of equality can be analyzed from a social perspective, which is when the idea of religious tolerance comes into play. Before the existence of government and nation, man lives in a state of nature where he is guided by the laws of nature as God intends. Locke begins his second government, which creates the truths of nature, especially that God is the

creator and has not given superiority to any individual in today's society, as has often been claimed in the past. Locke declares: In the races of the families of mankind and the world, they do not remain above each other, the least pretending to be the oldest house (Locke, Treatise, 7). Here he rejects the concept of royal or noble superiority, which prevailed in his day and, more importantly, creates universal equality for all. Thus, the importance of equality stems from its existence in the state of nature. The social contract is based on mutual understanding, and man, which comes from the state of perfect freedom (Locke, Treatise, 8), and equality would not be willing to settle for less when he leaves the state of nature. Locke describes the state of nature as one ether of equality, in which all power and jurisdiction are mutual, no one is more than the other; whereas nothing is more evident than being of the same race and rank, born to the every advantage of nature, and the use of the same arms may be equal among themselves without subordination or subordination (Locke, Treatise, 8). Since man is free and equal in a state of nature, he must be assured that he will still be when he enters society, so Locke will be founded on the basis of insured equality, without which there would be no incentive to enter society Equality Equality It's the driving force behind Locke's political theory, because it's the basis for our consensual social participation, which is necessary to create any state. As such, equality is necessary not only to establish a government, but also to maintain a safe and stable nation. Locke describes the responsibility of the government (especially the legislative power) as the preservation of society and everyone in it (Locke, Treatise, 69), which shows that it is the government's duty to ensure both security and protection for all its citizens. Locke continues to artiphras this point when he talks about his view of slavery. Slavery is placed under another absolute, arbitrary power (Locke, Treatise, 17) that puts those involved at war. The definition of slavery is not traditional, especially because of its relationship to the state of war, which is hostility, malice, violence and mutual destruction (Locke, Treatise, 15) for all concerned, which is contrary to the interests of society and the purposes of the state. More importantly, when the actual force ends, the state of war is eliminated among those who are in society and are equally exposed to a just definition of the law on both sides (Locke, Treatise, 15). So what we see is that for Locke, equality must exist in punishment, as in defence, at all levels of society, in every area of government. It should also be noted that Locke's interpretation of freedom and freedom is directly related to equality. In his debate on slavery, Locke describes freedom as not being subject to the constant, uncertain, unknown, arbitrary will of another person (Locke, Treatise, 17) It describes the equal distribution of power. Freedom is described as follows; my own will in all things where the rule does not apply (Locke, Treatise, 17). Both freedom and freedom exist only in a state where they are applied evenly, or for a tyrant(s) they exist in a state of war. Most importantly, when it comes to society individuals are required to alienate a modiable amount of freedom and freedom, but full equality (theoretically) should never be violated. Despite the legislation protecting individuals, conflict will inevitably break out, if not between the government and its people, between the people themselves. This will, of course, have an impact on the state and inevitably require an answer. In this perspective, Locke writes a letter on tolerance addressing the issue of religious intolerance, a problem that perks in the 17th century. He was extremely critical of people's fervent behavior regarding their religious beliefs, especially those who try to convert others to their faith with intemperate zeal (Locke, Toleration, 9). Says: every man should think fit to be another man - whose salvation he heartily desires - to expire in agony and to have one more unreturned state, I think it is very strange to me and I think that any other is. But no one, surely, will ever believe that such a wagon can carry love, love, or goodwill (Locke, Toleration, 2) Locke suspects that many missionaries and evangelizing magistrates do so for personal gain. As Black points out, this is a consequence of his softened skepticism that Locke supports the duty of religious tolerance (473). In addition, the violent tactics used and the punishments imposed by those who refused to convert were completely anti-Christian and led to a state of war between the parties involved. Locke clearly expresses this concern in a letter about tolerance when he says; Nobody... neither single persons nor churches nor even the commonwealth have a just title to invade each other's civil rights or se worldly possessions under the pretext of religion. Those who have a different opinion would do well to consider with themselves how perilous the core of strife and war is, what a powerful provocation to the endless hatred, rapines, and slaughter that is thereby provided to mankind. It is not possible to bring peace and security, not so much as a common friendship between men, as long as this opinion prevails, that domination is built in grace, and that religion must be spread by arms (Locke,8). Locke is adamant in his criticism of religious fanaticism and force and supports the separation of church and state; one of the first, if not the first, modern philosophers to do so. In support of this severance, he says; Above all, I appreciate the need to distinguish precisely the affairs of civil government from religion and to settle the boundaries between one and the other (Locke, Toleration, 2). This philosophy is, in fact, the foundation of modern democracy and the cornerstone of the American Constitution. The term church-state separation was coined by Thomas Jefferson, who was greatly influenced by Locke's writings. Locke feared, as there is concern today, that without a clear distinction between the two, commonwealth care would be distorted by personal beliefs and would not be a priority as it should be. Every member of the commonwealth, regardless of their affiliation, deserves equality under the law. Locke says everyone except the atheists. It seems strange, given his strong faith in tolerance, Locke would encourage any exceptions. The irony is that his pious religious beliefs that lead him to exclude the atheists for his social benefit. Locke thought there was a separate and relationship between religion and morality. Without acceptance God, or any supreme and all-powerful being, as a fundamental truth, man's morality and etiquette were questionable at best. In Locke's essay on human understanding, he talks about the progress of one's thought process; how we develop opinions and ideas and the role of religion in the general understanding of life. Locke sees the human mind as a kind of empty slate at birth that evolves over time through the use of our senses (sight, sound, taste), through a comparison of ideas and experiences (he uses the example of tasting something sweet and something bitter), and the lessons taught by our superiors and society we live in. These variables create for each of us the individual experience that informs the belief system. That's actually one of the reasons Locke's arguing for tolerance. He believes that people should, as a general rule, enjoy freedom of understanding and that the state has a duty to respect the freedom of consent on religion (Black, 473). Our understanding is a direct result of our personal experience, and Locke says we all need to be given the freedom of our minds. However, since Locke believes that there are no innate beliefs, morals must be acquired with experiences that are done through religious teachings for most people. As has already been established, the state's main priority is the safety/security of commonwealth members. For Locke, morality must be present among the people to maintain the functioning of the state; and he does not see morality as subjective, but as something that needs to be enlightened. Locke makes this clear in his essay on human understanding; These [morality] lies are not open as natural characters are engraved on the mind; which, if it were, should be visible on its own and its own light is sure and known to all. But it is not demeaning there truth and certainty; no more than the truth and certainty that the three angles of the triangle are equal to two right-hand years, because not so obvious as the whole is larger than one part, not so capable of agreeing to the first trial. It may be sufficient that these moral rules can demonstrate: and therefore, it is our faults if we do not receive certain knowledge of them. But ignorance, in which many people are from them, and the slow contribution from which others receive them is an obvious proof that they are not innate, and as such offer themselves to have their opinions without searching (Locke, Essay, 26). Morality is clearly not a question of pre-existing ideas, but it does not take away their legitimacy. They should be learned as the function and application of mathematics. Morality is truths that are revealed to us when we are intellectually we understand them. Those who do not recognize the certain mores are ignorant, but more importantly they pose a threat to the stability of the state. Locke uses an interesting example to prove this point when he says that even outlaws and robbers who break up with the whole world must keep faith and rules of fairness among themselves; or they cannot stick together (Locke, Essay, 27). Social groups develop similar moral/ethical codes, as does society, from practicality. As Locke points out, this is true even among criminals, as society needs a certain level of predictability to operate. Page 3 The main threat to society is atheists, in addition to problems with a full understanding of moral principles( Lorenzo, 253) stemming from their otherworldly disbelief, namely the lack of subsequent punishment for earthly blunders. Without fear of eternal damnation, atheists pose a threat to social order and state security (Lorenzo, 258). This perception is a direct result of the importance Locke has placed on individual experiences. He is eager to artiphras the lack of innate mores, and while it allows a certain understanding of good and evil to be absorbed through the use of our senses, true morality comes from what is taught to us; But it's not enough to know morality. Just as it is necessary to encourage the entry of man into society, there must also be an incentive to act within a moral framework; atheists do not have this incentive. Likewise, people demand a known punishment for crimes within society, i.e. the system of punishment; but they must also fear the consequences of immoral acts which are not punished or which the state does not in ink. People of religion are afraid of life after life; atheists are not afraid of anything other than the current possible consequences. In Locke's words, I manifest the existence of God in many ways, and the obedience we owe him, so much so that much of humanity testifies of the law of nature: but I nevertheless believe that it is necessary to allow mankind to receive more moral rules without general approval, without knowing or acknowledging the true foundations of morality; which can only be god's will and law, who sees people in the dark, in the hands of rewards and punishments, and has the power enough to call the account the proudest offender. For God united virtue and public happiness in an inseparable relationship, and made its practice necessary for the preservation of society, and was visibly beneficial to all with whom the virtuous man must do; no wonder everyone should not only make it possible, but also offer and extol these others whose observance is sure to take advantage of themselves (Locke, Essay, 28). With this statement, Locke's great piusness is revealed. The existence of the laws of nature is in itself proof of the existence of God, and who he will surely discover the inability of his power. It states directly that we are indd debt to God for his creation of us and our environment, but how we pay off our debt is a personal matter. What is of concern to society is not that God is doing the right thing, but that there is a lack of intellectual understanding of why we must act within the right moral boundaries (Locke does not specify what these boundaries are). That's the argument that makes Locke argue against the tolerance of non-believers. It is clear that John Locke's religious beliefs play an important role in all his political theories. Understanding the social contract as an act of consent involves fundamental acceptance of religious morality (as to the only kind of morality Locke), as agreed by the majority. An individual whose activities or beliefs are considered dangerous by the majority may be considered to be in breach of the contract. As Lorenzo explains, Locke excluded anyone who denied faith in God and the afterlife, arguing that such a rejection would dissolve all moral ties between the individual and society (250). Locke believes in majority rule, and the majority determines society's requirements and expectations. As Locke explains in his letter on tolerance, it is generally advisable to adopt a tolerant attitude in the interest of the community; however, there are exceptions if the risk is too high. As Locke says; opinions contrary to human society or moral rules necessary for the preservation of civil society cannot be tolerated (Locke, Toleration, 19). So we see that the exceptions are not limited to atheism, but to anything deemed unacceptable. I suppose Locke compared atheism to a common crime; we do not tolerate theft or violence, nor do we tolerate inciting such behavior. Instead, we support religion, morality and etiquette, and the views of non-believers are seen as contrary to social teachings; that's why he's as insensitive as the provocation of crime. Locke really targeted atheists explicitly, even fervently saying; those who deny the existence of God cannot be tolerated at all. Promises, covenants, and oaths, which are the bonds of human society, cannot keep an atheist. The taking of God, though it dissolves it all even in thought, in addition to those who undermine and destroy all religions through their atheism, they cannot have a religion that can question the privilege of tolerance (Locke, Toleration, 20). Not only does the simple idea of atheism deprive you of your rights in society, but it proves to be unworthy of the tolerance of others, which obviously takes precedence over the pious exclusively. If atheists cannot be relied upon for promises, covenants and performance of the contract, you can it must be relied upon to be loyal to the final treaty that connects all people with every other member of society, government, and laws thus established. Locke's legacy is still present in modern society and, more importantly, still relevant. Religious tolerance is generally encouraged in Western states who have an audience, but deep social bias persists. Many still agree with his concept of indivisible morality and religious beliefs. Similarly, morality and atheism remain considered dichotomous. Fortunately, exceptions to tolerance are generally prohibited by law, and society will certainly continue to grow and progress towards a universally more inclusive ideology. He refers to Black, Sam: Toleration and the Skeptical Inquirer in Locke. Canadian Philosophy Journal 208 (1998): 473-504. Locke, John. A letter of tolerance, trans. William Popple. LibertyLibrary Constitutional Classics. 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