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Essential Question What is “order,” and how much control is necessary to achieve and maintain it?
According to Hobbes and Locke, how should one govern/rule/lead???

Leviathan

Thomas Hobbes, 1651

Central Ideas

Claim and Evidence

Justification of absolute rule¹

Nature hath made men so equal in the faculties of body and mind. From this equality of ability arise equality of hope in the attaining of our Ends. And therefore if any two men desire the same thing, which nevertheless they cannot both enjoy, they become enemies; and in the way to their End [they] endeavor to destroy or subdue one another. And because the condition of Man is a condition of War, of every one against every one, it follows that in such a condition every man has a Right to every thing. And therefore, as long as this natural Right of every man to every thing endures, there can be no security to any man, (how strong or wise so ever he be).

The only way to erect a Common Power, as may be able to defend them from the invasion of [foreigners] and the injuries of one another, is to confer all their power and strength upon one Man, or upon one Assembly of men, that may reduce all their wills unto one Will and therein to submit their Wills, every one to his Will, and their Judgments, to his Judgment.

¹ The original text, as written by Hobbes, has been modified for clarity.

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Political Philosophy: Hobbes, Locke