

**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???

---

## Second Treatise of Government

*John Locke, 1689*

*Central Ideas*

### **The purpose of government**

*Claim and Evidence*

[W]henever the legislators endeavor to take away and destroy the property of the people, or to reduce them to slavery under arbitrary power, they put themselves into a state of war with the people, who are thereupon absolved from any farther obedience. . . . Whensoever therefore the legislative shall transgress this fundamental rule of society, and either by ambition, fear, folly or corruption, endeavor to grasp themselves, or put into the hands of any other, an absolute power over the lives, liberties, and estates of the people; by this breach of trust the government shall forfeit the power the people had put into their hands...

---

---

### **The time for revolution**

[R]evolutions happen not upon every little mismanagement in public affairs. Great mistakes in the ruling part, many wrong and inconvenient laws, and all the slips of human frailty will be borne by the people without mutiny or murmur. But if a long train of abuses, prevarications and artifices, all tending the same way, make the design visible to the people, and they cannot but feel what they lie under, and see whither they are going; it is not to be wondered at, that they should then rouse themselves, and endeavor to put the rule into such hands which may secure to them the ends for which government was at first erected.