

Lecture #4: Basic Democratic Theory and Liberal Ideology

I. Social Contract Theory

***roots (more or less) of modern democratic liberalism

A. Antiquity

1. Plato

2. Seneca

B. Thomas Hobbes: “Leviathan”

1. What about Natural Rights?

C. **John Locke**

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D. Jean-Jacques Rousseau

II. Liberalism (Lockean and Jeffersonian)

A. Liberty and Individualism

B. Property Rights

C. Nominal Equality

II. Adam Smith: “An Inquiry into the Wealth of Nations”

Laissez-faire (capitalism)

III. J.S. Mill: Utilitarianism

“Greatest good for the greatest number”

IV. Montesquieu:

Separation of Powers