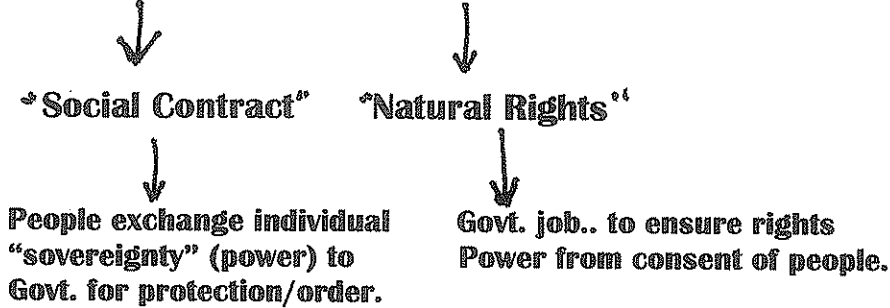


ORIGIN OF U.S. GOVERNMENT

Two enlightenment thinkers (1600's-1700's)

Thomas Hobbes & John Locke



Locke: "Whosoever in authority (in govt.), exceeds the power given him by law... may be opposed ..."

Declaration of Independence: "The govt. gets its powers from the consent of the governed. When a govt. fails to protect citizens natural rights, the people have the right to alter or abolish it..."

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that man is granted certain unalienable rights. Among these are life, liberty & the pursuit of happiness."

Constitution: "We the people...do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States."

What functions does government provide in this "Social Contract"?

- ✓ Order: Enforce laws to protect & make safe people & property.
- ✓ Services: Provides services that people can't do on own.
- ✓ Resolve Conflict: Brings a compromise over issues dividing people.
- ✓ Values: Policies & laws protect beliefs of all various groups.