

# John Locke

- A proponent of libertarianism
  - Some fundamental individual rights that governments can't override
    - Include: a natural right to life, liberty, and property
    - One isn't free to give up their own or take others' natural rights - Locke gives two reasons for this:
      - You don't belong to yourself, you belong to God
      - You can't trade these rights (you can use them for yourself, but others can't use them) - this disagrees the libertarian view (which believes that you can do whatever you want with your rights)
  - Believes that private property exists before the existence of government (people own their own labor)
    - So, the things that you gather or the land that you use becomes your property
- The only limit on the powers of a legitimate government accepted by consent is to not make arbitrary laws (i.e. single people out) - this is a view that libertarians disagree with