John Locke & Classical Liberalism

*Intro Video:*Locke highlights the fact that everybody starts out with a blank slate, also known as “tabula rasa”. Experience is what shapes who we are. Yet Locke also states that everyone can use reason, which relies on everybody having some basic understanding of what is “good” and reasonable.

Lock Notes:

By human nature everyone is equal and independent, and each right is given by the virtue of God. No one individual can be compared to another and have any kind of difference. Yet it indicates the existence of God. God is clearly a higher being who is not equal to anyone else. This goes against “Tabula rasa” is than everyone – God included – should be equal. Property is given by God. If land is given to you, you must have worked on the land to gain actual ownership of it.

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