

CHOOSE YOUR LENS AND TRANSFORM A BRAINSTORM INTO A WORKING OUTLINE

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Hobbes (theoretical lens)

To analyze Dr. King's letter, John Locke's two treatises might be a better choice.

The three Laws of Nature save mankind from the State of Nature:

1. We want peace.
2. We agree upon one covenant. The covenant says we don't have rights to everything.
3. There should be an external power to make sure we all comply the covenant.

People comply to the Leviathan because they are afraid of punishment.

The establish of the Commonwealth depend on everyone concedes there rights to the Leviathan.

Dr. King (object of investigation)

African Americans are not outsiders. The law is just if we all have a vote. If the law is unjust, we should abolish it.

The resistors are not trouble makers, instead they bring out the hidden tensions so everyone can see them.

Complacency and despair are both not good.

Police treats them badly. The police are the defender of an old, corrupted system.

The question I am going to ask is “why the establishment of Leviathan in the US was a failing one?” The answer to this question, and the claim I will make in this essay is “because only a limited portion of people participated in the creation of the American Leviathan.” In order for you, dear reader, to accept my claim you first need to see that according to Hobbes, the covenant applies to everyone in the society, when everyone renounce part of their rights to the ruler, a Leviathan is built. The next thing that you must acknowledge is African American was excluded from the process of making the covenant, hence they are not bound by the agreement. The reader may want to consider that racial discrimination is a biological fact that can’t be solved by social engineering. Finally, my reader will have to accept that if everyone has a saying when building the Leviathan, then the system would be a better one.