

# THE BACKDROP

Politics, Religion and Education

The world is but a stage, and all men are merely players  
- Shakespeare

## CHECKING PRIOR KNOWLEDGE....

- Enumerate 3 significant events in 1800 or name 3 great minds/philosophers who influenced Rizal's philosophy.
- Cite 3 reasons for the unabated corruption in the Philippines during Rizal's time.
- Identify measures done by Filipino propagandists to address social issues in the Philippines.

# The Divine Right Theory

- Very popular throughout the 15<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> centuries.
- God created the state and chose individuals to be given a “royal birth” and therefore the “divine right to rule”.
- Opposition to ruler is both treason and a moral sin.





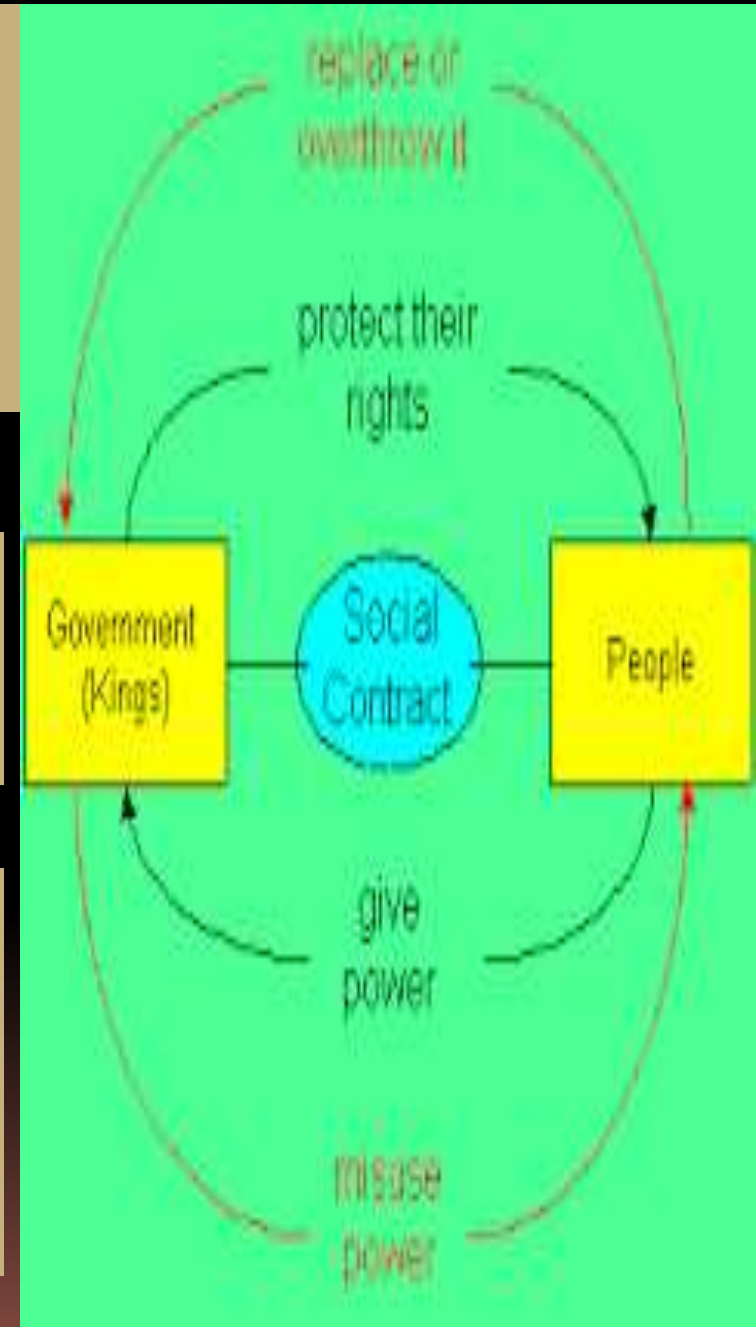


- **Divine Right Theory- justifies absolute monarchy**

- **Social Contract Theory – espouses the theory that God endowed man with natural rights such as the right to life, liberty and property**

**- According to this theory, kings derive their power from the people**

**- Rulers have the obligation to look after the general welfare, the people have the obligation to support their rulers**



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- **John Locke**
  - **Voltaire**
  - **Jean Jacques Rousseau**
  - **Thomas Hobbes**
  - **Hegel**
  - **Mikhail Bakunin**
  - **Karl Marx**
  - **Friedrich Engels**





**VOLTAIRE**



**JEAN JACQUES ROUSSEAU**



**Thomas Hobbes**

**John Locke**





## Karl Marx /Friedrich Engels



**Mikhail Bakunin**



**G.W.F. Hegel**

**Locke and Rousseau espoused the theory that God endowed man with natural rights such as right to life, liberty and property, and by entering into a social contract, man formed a civil society to protect his rights**

**When governance is oppressive it is the right of the people to overthrow such a government**

**“Man is inherently good but the false values of society corrupt him,...”**

**Everything is good when it leaves the hands of God but everything degenerates in the hands of man”**

**“Man is born free but everywhere in chains”**



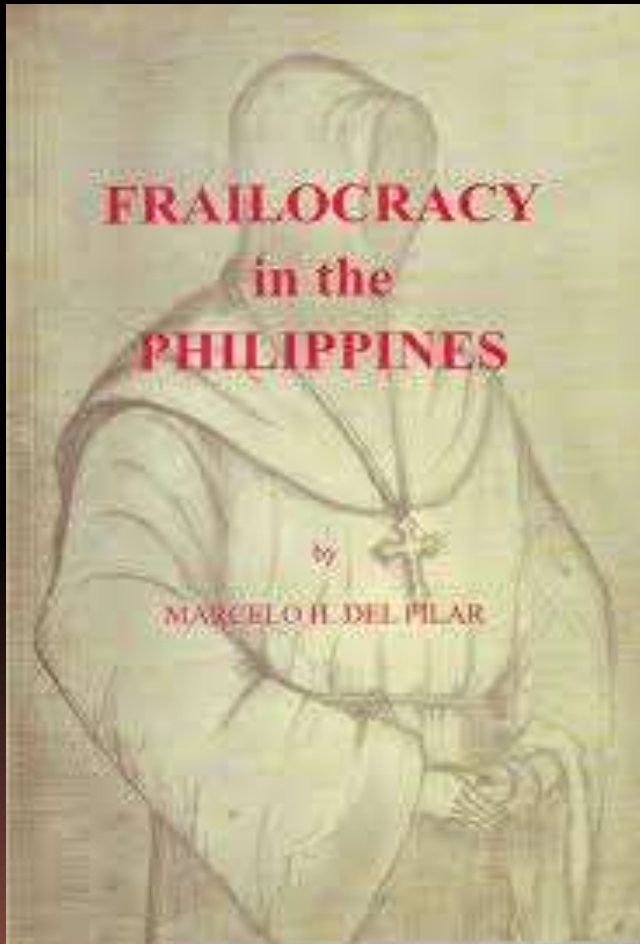
**Bakunin hated all forms of authority**

**Marx/Hegel share the theory that as progress takes place, conflicts are inevitable**

**- destruction of something old  
to create something new**

**Voltaire – “Pen is Mightier than the sword”**

# **Religiosity was merged with politics: Religious doctrines and dogma served as persuasive sanctions**



# World Events

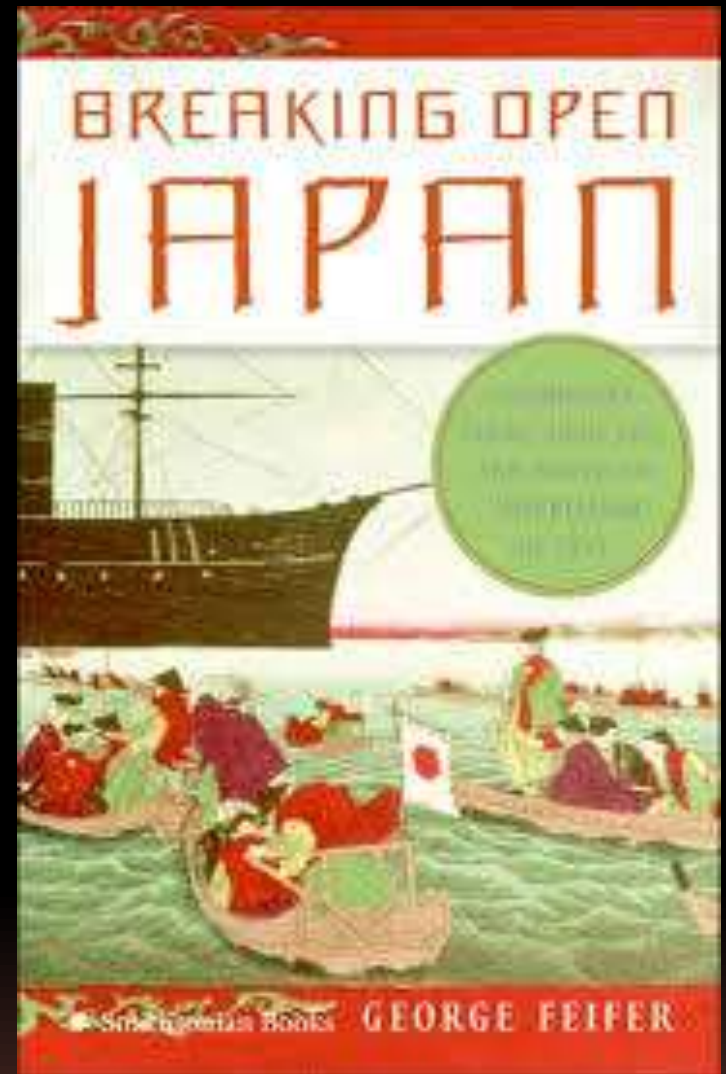
- Opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 allowed liberal ideas to flow into the archipelago





England  
was the  
leading  
world  
power





**Japan opened its doors to the Western world after 214 years of isolation**





**In the second half of the 19<sup>th</sup> century , ilustrados started the Propaganda movement. They exposed the social ills in the Phils and struggled to gain freedom for the Filipinos**

- La Solidaridad was the official organ; expositions on abuses of friars and civil authorities were biting and satirical

# La Solidaridad

Quincenario democrático.

AÑO II

MANILA, 31 Mayo, de 1890

Núm. 38

PRECIO DE VENTA

En Manila, dentro del año, 50 cts.  
Extranjero, 1.00

REDACCION Y ADMINISTRACION

ALFARO, 43, postal bag.

TELÉFONO 100

Contenido y suscripción a precio  
de 50 centavos.  
No se hacen devoluciones.  
Número total 1.000

## FILIPINAS EN EL CONGRESO

La sesión del 11 de Mayo puede narrarse  
con un brillante y la historia política de Phi-  
lipinas. Un diputado, el Sr. D. Francisco Cal-

leso, tras, puesto que ya hemos estado espe-  
rar. Las sesiones de allá no deben ver en la  
exposición del Sr. Dávila, invocando la espe-  
cialidad, ni en una protesta de satisfacción, sino  
en una de las mejores instituciones a que allá





# [ PROPAGANDA MOVEMENT ]



**-Propaganda movement exerted much effort to awaken the Filipinos to the excesses of the authorities and stirred up their sentiments**