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What Locke has to say about the origin of civil society is also of interest in connection with the concept of property. But there are many animals that live solitarily, i.

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. And where-ever there are any number of men, however associated, that have no such decisive power to appeal to, there they are still in the state of nature.

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The usual, and almost only way whereby this union is dissolved, is the inroad of foreign force making a conquest upon them: for in that case, not being able to maintain and support themselves, as one intire and independent body the union belonging to that body which consisted therein, must necessarily cease, and so every one return to the state he was in before, with a liberty to shift for himself, and provide for his own safety, as he thinks fit, in some other society. This, so far as it is usurpation, is a change only of persons, but not of the forms and rules of the government: for if

the usurper extend his power beyond what of right belonged to the lawful princes, or governors of the commonwealth, it is tyranny added to usurpation. Since, according to social contract theories, a state is formed by the consent of all those who were in a state of nature, must the government of a civil society also be based on consent, i.

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Property includes your life, liberty freedom , and possessions land. These differences have to do with the condition of men prior to the formation of the state, and with the consequences that derive from living in a state. Locke begins his quest for the legitimacy of government by defining political power: Political power, then, I take to be a right of making laws, with penalties of death, and consequently all less penalties for the regulating and preserving of property, and of employing the force of the community in the execution of such laws, and in the defence of the commonwealth from foreign injury, and all this only for the public good.

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