Ideology and Government

Are humans naturally good and able to govern themselves, or are they naturally selfish and need someone to run things for them??

**What is an ideology?**

An ideology = set of **beliefs and values** – **ideas** that someone has about how things should work.

Governments have different ideologies (ideas) about how society should be organized, and what its goals are.

**Ideologies of Human Nature**

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| **Humans are selfish – need a leader** | **Humans are good – can govern themselves** |
| https://silverfluff.files.wordpress.com/2011/11/scar.jpg  **Thomas Hobbes thinks**   1. Humans naturally **selfish** 2. Government should **control them** | http://images2.fanpop.com/images/photos/7200000/Mufasa-mufasa-7220269-850-504.jpg  **John Locke thinks**   1. Humans naturally **good** 2. As many **people** as possible should be **involved** in a government |
| 1.) **Monarchy/dictatorship**  - Leader rules absolutely  2**.) No Rights** - People give up rights to the government in return for protection.  3.) People naturally **selfish** - “Every man for every man”.  4.) People **could not** govern themselves – A leader would need to demand obedience to maintain order.  5.) Government = **law** - The purpose of the government was to keep law and order.  6.) **No right** to revolt - they could do nothing if the leader was abusive | 1.) **Democracy**  2.) **Rights** - All people are born with certain rights.  3.) People naturally **good** - Can learn from their experiences.  4.) People **could** govern themselves - if provided with the right information they would make good decisions.  5.) Government = **rights** - The purpose of the government is to protect individual rights.  6.) **Right** to revolt – should revolt against an abusive government |

Ideology Poster Assignment

**What is your ideology of human nature?**

**Step 1:**

Circle the idea you agree with most:

1. Humans are naturally selfish and need a leader to rule them
2. Humans are naturally good and able to govern themselves

* Think about what is needed for either government to be successful

**Step 2:**

Choose 3 examples from class or your own experiences that prove this to be true.

Example 1 (from class) - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Example 2 (from class) - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Example 3 (from your own experiences) - \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Step 3:**

Complete **one** section:

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| **Humans are selfish – need a leader** | **Humans are good – govern themselves** |
| Choose 3 laws governments must have to keep their citizens safe: | Choose 3 rights all citizens should have: |
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**Step 4:**

Create a poster that expresses your ideology of human nature and includes all elements above.

Include:

* Your ideology as your title (which side you’re on)
* Your examples
* Your laws or rights
* At least 3 images to help get your ideas across

Do a rough sketch of how you will lay out your poster below: