

Absolutism v. Natural Rights

- I. English Civil War
 - a. Charles I, absolute ruler of England, was overthrown by Oliver Cromwell.
 - b. Cromwell formed the Commonwealth, that focused on Puritan values of Godliness and encouraged all people to live by the Protestant Bible.
- II. Glorious Revolution
 - a. Charles II was overthrown and William and Mary became limited monarchs of England
 - i. Forced to work with Parliament and accept the English Bill of Rights
 - b. English Bill of Rights ensured power to Parliament
- III. Thomas Hobbes supported Absolutism
 - a. Favored a monarchy
 - b. Wrote the *Leviathan*, arguing that people were naturally cruel, greedy and selfish and needed to be strictly controlled.
- IV. John Locke supported natural rights
 - a. Believed each person has rights from birth including the right to life, liberty and property.
 - b. Wrote *Two Treatises of Government* that argued that people formed governments to protect their natural rights and the best governments are supported by all citizens.