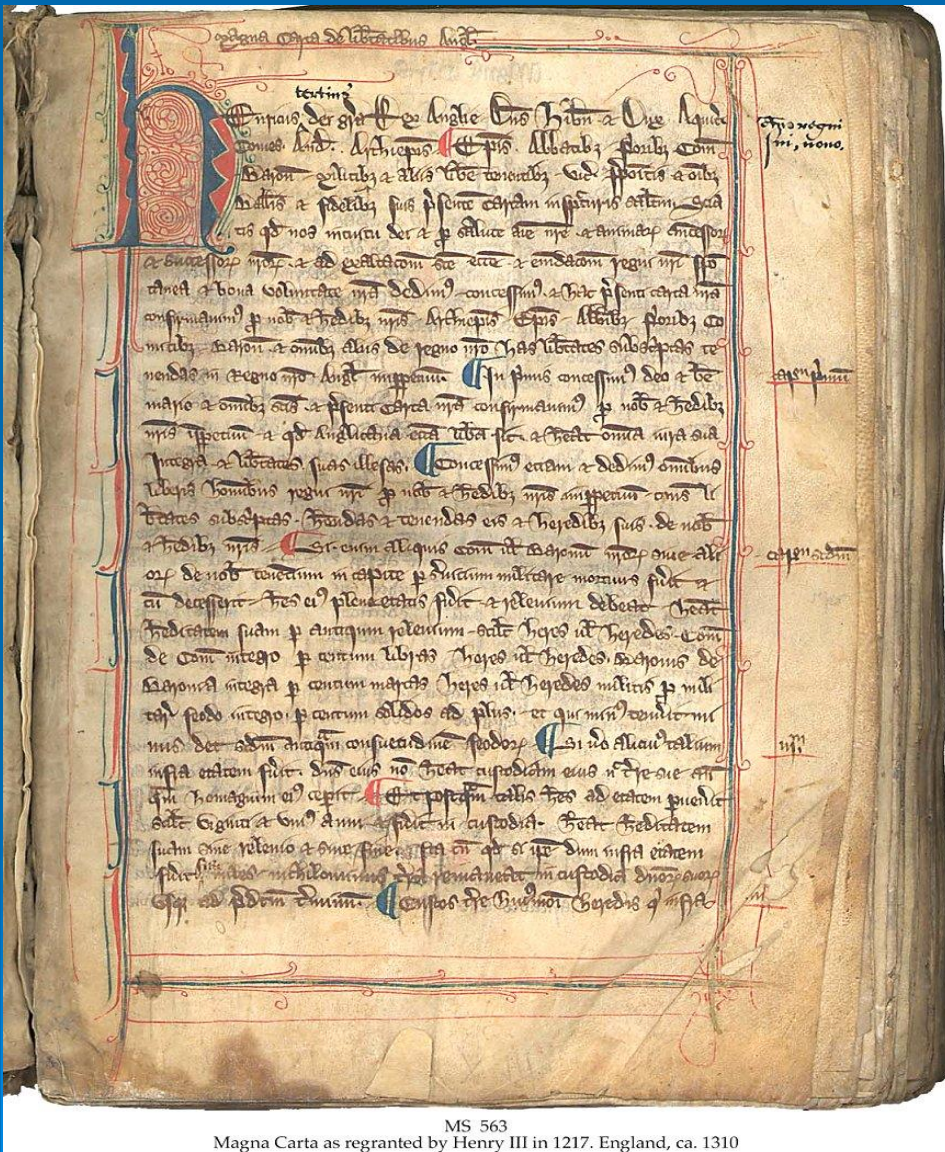




The Age of Enlightenment



The Magna Carta



MS 563
Magna Carta as regranted by Henry III in 1217. England, ca. 1310

- Signed by King John in 1215
- First legal document to pull power from monarch
- Began idea of “rule of law”
- Said citizens had certain rights and monarch must obey the law



The Enlightenment

- Grew out of the Scientific Revolution
- Focus turned to **reason and logic** to find “**natural laws**” that govern human nature
- Philosophes – “**lovers of wisdom**” began to change the thought of the time

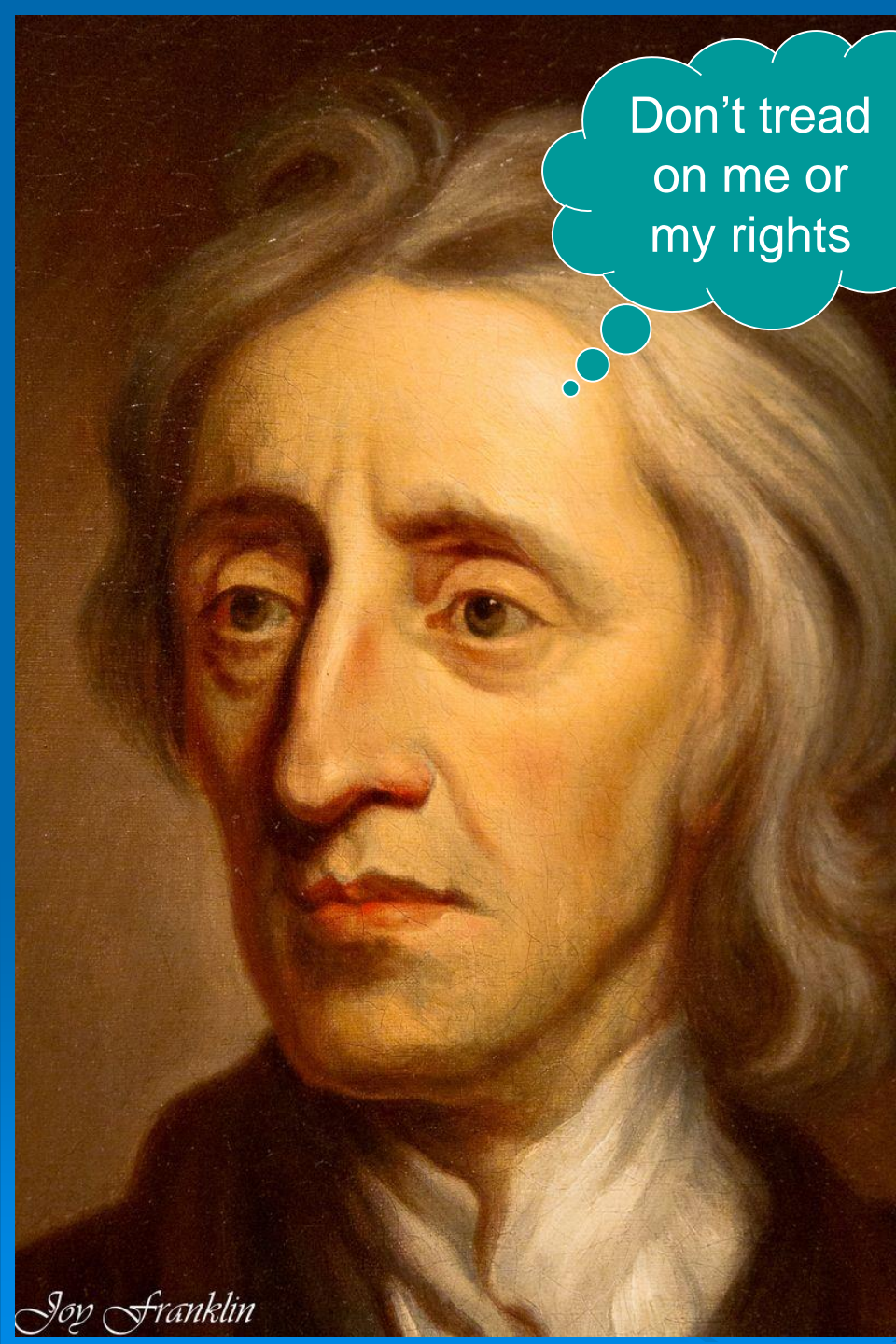
Baron de Montesquieu



England
here I
come !!

One-man rule limits basic freedoms such as speech, press, and religion

- There should be a **“separation of powers”** in the government
- It is **Britain that has the perfect form of Government**

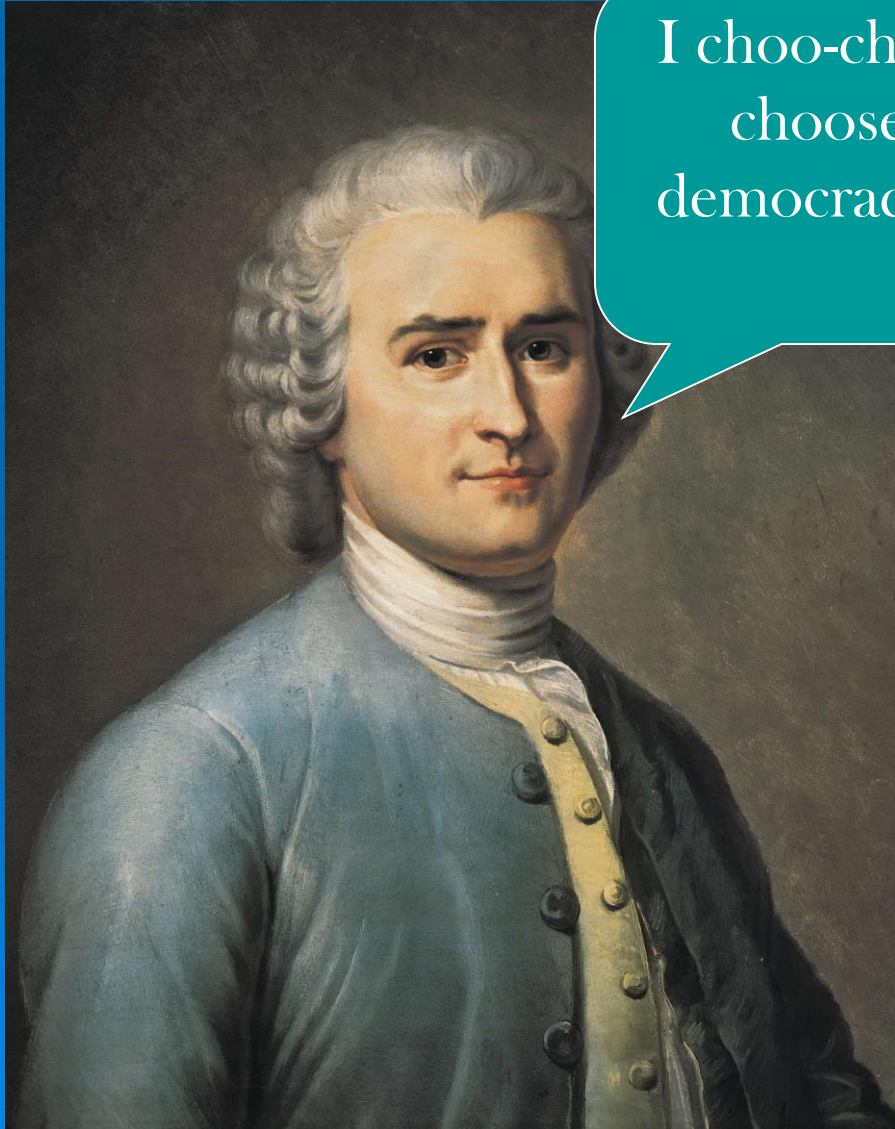


Don't tread
on me or
my rights

John Locke

- All men are **free and equal at birth**
- Everyone has the right to **life, liberty, and ownership of property**
- Citizens have the right to **overthrow the government** when their “natural rights” are violated

Jean-Jacques Rousseau

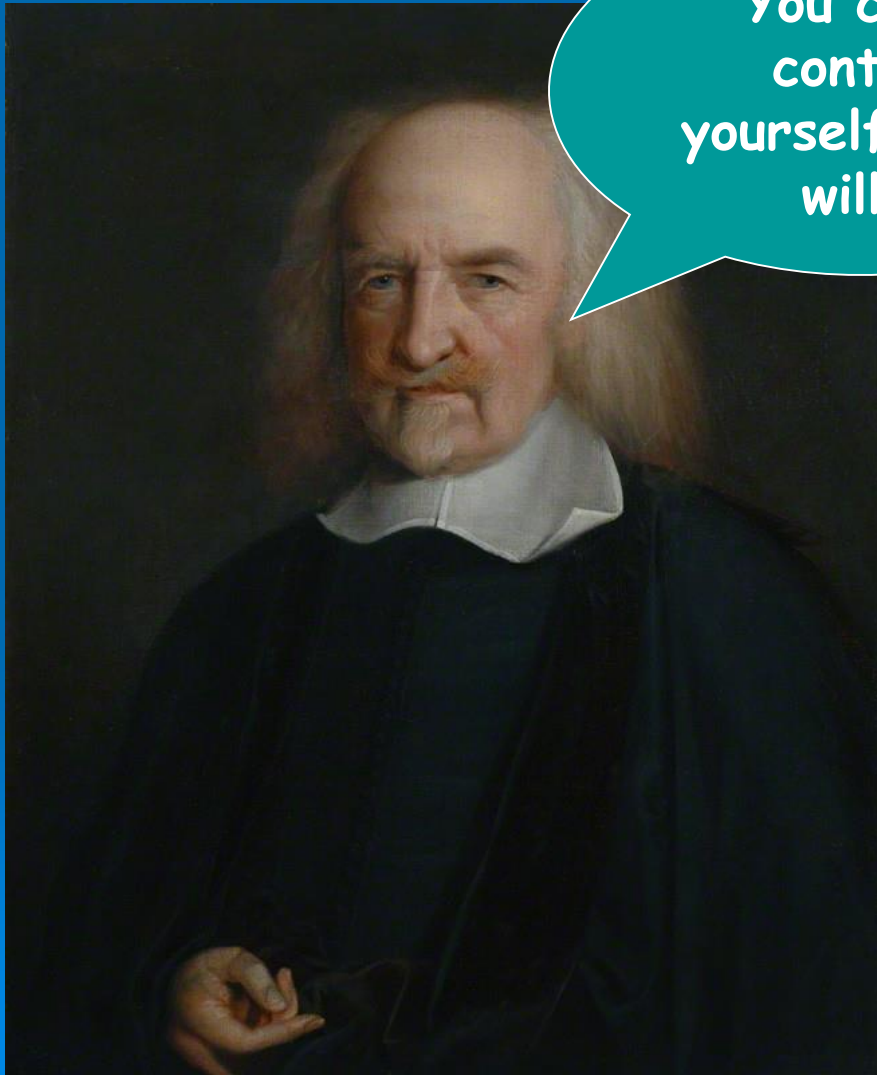


I choo-choo-choose democracy!!!

The rich should not enjoy special privileges

- Man is born good, but society corrupts them
- People should be allowed to choose the form of government under which to live: “popular sovereignty”

Thomas Hobbes




You can't
control
yourself, so I
will!!!

People are inherently
selfish and greedy

- Must give up personal freedom to government in order to stop chaos, “social contract”
- Government must be strong and able to suppress rebellions

Voltaire

A portrait of Voltaire, a French philosopher, writer, and historian. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing a dark blue coat over a white cravat and a pinkish-red waistcoat. He has long, wavy brown hair and is looking slightly to the right of the viewer with a calm expression.

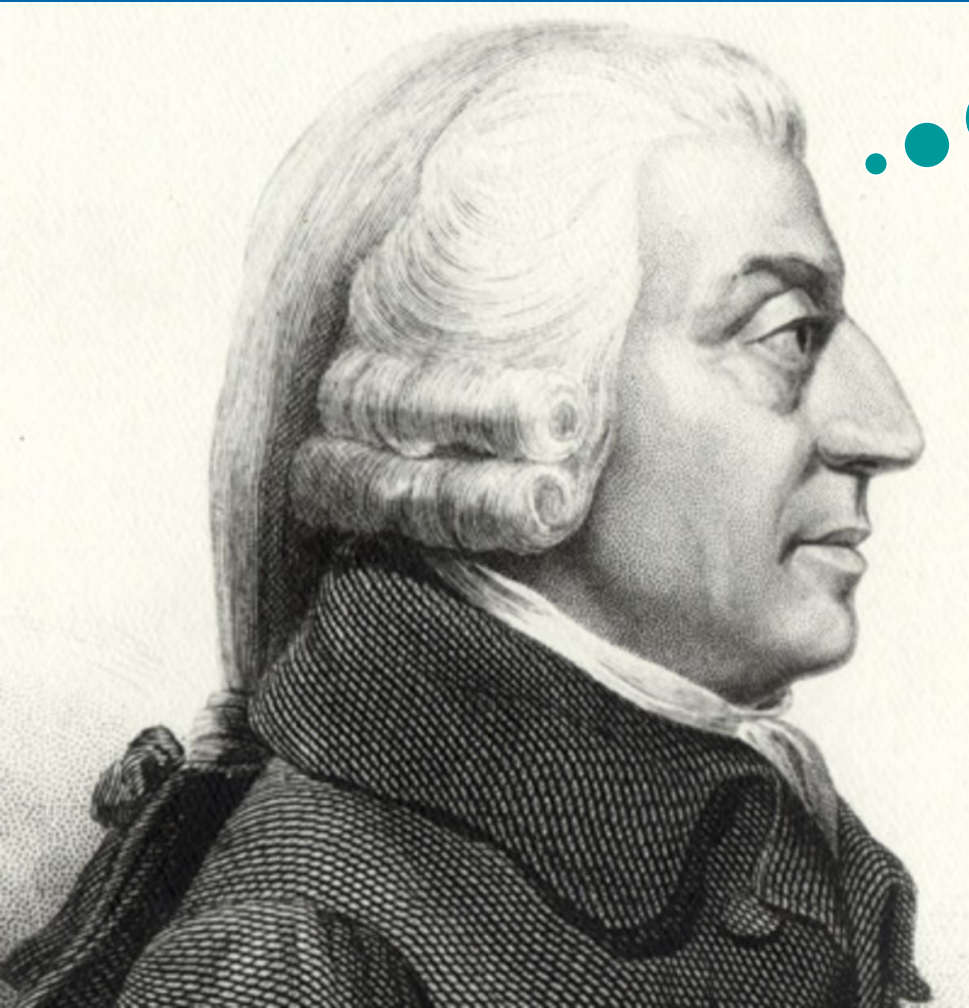
Speak your mind and
live your life.
Freedom is the only
way now!!!

religious freedom
for all men.

All men should be
treated as equals,
and should have
freedom of speech,
press

- Democracy is not a
good form of
government; the
best is a good and
fair king

Adam Smith



Money makes the world go around, so let me earn it!!

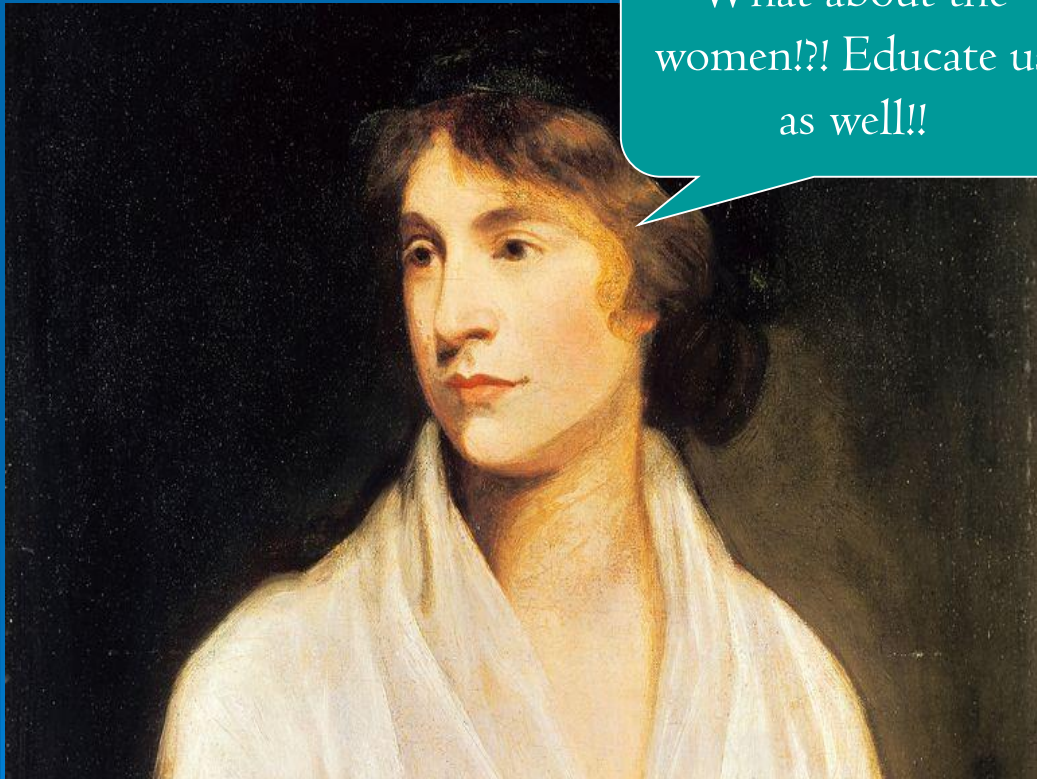
...ist,
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(1776)

- Applied Enlightenment thought to business
- Laissez-Faire: businesses operate without government interference
- Created the laws of supply and demand

Adam Smith argued that the free market automatically regulates the supply and demand for goods and services. He wrote about an "invisible hand" that makes these balances occur.

<p>Demand Increases</p> 	<p>Invisible Hand</p> 	<p>Quantity Increases  Price Increases </p>
<p>Demand Decreases</p> 	<p>Invisible Hand</p> 	<p>Quantity Decreases  Price Decreases </p>
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<p>Supply Decreases</p> 	<p>Invisible Hand</p> 	<p>Quantity Decreases  Price Increases </p>

Mary Wollstonecraft

A portrait of Mary Wollstonecraft, a woman with dark hair, wearing a white shawl, looking slightly to the left. A green speech bubble is overlaid on the portrait.

What about the women?! Educate us as well!!

- Wanted Enlightenment thought to apply to women
- Equal education for boys and girls
- Wrote *A Vindication of the Rights of Woman*
- Her daughter wrote the novel *Frankenstein*

Impact of Philosophes

- Influenced the “founding fathers” of America, the Third Estate in France, and Latin American leaders to rise up against their oppressors

