**Philosophers Views**

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|  | **Locke** | **Rousseau** | **Montesquieu** | **Hobbs** |
| **View on** **State of Nature** | men do need to give up their freedom in a state of nature to secure the advantages of civilized society.  | Felt civilization is what corrupted them. Living in a state of Nature did not! | Man would think about preservation l) before all else. No danger of attacking one another; peace would be priority. | The state of nature is a state of war. No morality exists. Everyone lives in constant fear.  |
| **View on** **Purpose of Government** | Protect the people’s Natural Rights | The government consist of administrators who carry out the orders of the people.  | To uphold the Natural right’s that ***all men*** have | To impose law and order to prevent state of war  |
| **Influence on the Founding Fathers** | Protect Natural Rights example: Declaration of Independence | Governments must be responsive and aligned with the general willPeople make a nation, not institutions.The good of society is always more important than the good of one individual.  | The creation of the United States Constitution. | Government’s must protect people from themselves. People will eventually self destruct. |