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Thomas Hobbes

Hobbes philosophy is beneficial for the world. Not many people succeed in changing politic philosophy. Only in many years does this kind of people comes along. This person is one of the most successful philosophers who played an important role in politics and was an influencing part of creating the great philosophy, his name is Thomas Hobbes.

Thomas Hobbes was born in England. Hobbes is one of three children in his family. He was named after his father, Thomas, but his mother's name was unknown. His parents abandoned their three children and let his older brother named Francis took care of them. Hobbes studied in the church when he was 4 years old and continued to study until he finished high school. Later, Hobbes got accepted to Oxford University. After he graduated from Oxford he traveled to the other European countries to study in several form of politic philosophy. During this time he developed curiosity on why human could let other people control themselves and try to find the best form of politic philosophy for his country. He has written a book named "Leviathan" which is the most famous work in his life. While he was writing this book, the Civil War in his country broke out. This war makes Hobbes realize that his country should have a king who is the one that creates rule to protect and control

people from their own selfishness and evil nature. This book shows that everyone could not be trusted and that we should let monarch control everything in the country. In this book it also tells us that passion and desires that govern our behavior will not emerge right now but it will come out when the state of fear govern by amoral rule. However, Thomas Hobbes also contributes to think theory in some field like Mathematic and Physic. ¹

Thomas Hobbes' revolutionary philosophy changed the way countries govern their country. ² This happen when monarch provide direction and leadership to people in country but there are only some countries that still govern in form of monarchy. In modern world, everyone is entitled to an equal right which means no individual person should have the authority to govern the whole country. This is quite different from the idea that Hobbes proposed because he said that we should have the person who could be a leader to march the country to the right position. Selfishness and evil nature in human can be prevented by establishing government but it doesn't mean Hobbes will believe in democracy which he said is too hazardous to give only one person the power to command the country. This may lead countries to war and citizens will eventually lead a miserable life. In my opinion, we should have more than one president and vote for them because we should choose the one who is not cruel and fair enough for our own country. We shouldn't let the person who only fulfill their self-interest to be our king or governor.

In laws of nature, people always fight for themselves instead of helping other when there they were in a danger even they have wisdom and power. When in danger,

¹ Wikipedia contributors. "Thomas Hobbes." *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. 25 August 2012. <[http:// http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Hobbes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Hobbes)>

² Complete Dictionary of Scientific Biography.. "Thomas Hobbes." *encyclopedia*. September 16, 2012 <http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/Thomas_Hobbes.aspx >

human will serve themselves first before thinking of helping others; this is typical human instinct. When I try to imagine myself being a genius who has the power to control others, who happen to be in a life-or-death situation, I can see myself fight to survive. Surely this must be typical human instinct, my choosing to fight for survival. In the world if citizen do not obey sovereign power, universal insecurity or civil war which everyone will have reason to fear of death and the cooperation of human is possible to occur.³ We always fight for something that has benefit for ourselves. Benefit was depending on the person who is intelligent and has enough power to get it. Even governments corrupt their own country for their own benefits. In my idea, we should obey the king or the ruler in our country. We should cooperate with others and help each other when our nations are in a serious situation.

For humankind, Thomas Hobbes has a great commitment and attempt to make the world has the amazing philosophies which lead our country to have strong unity. Hobbes was an influencing part of creating great philosophy that remains until now. He is the world changer. Besides, his work was the one that make us have the state of king and show the behavior of humankind. In every human there is an overwhelming stream of fear and passion which will possess and control us to do everything for our own sakes. Thomas Hobbes is the one who understands this point and try to tell everyone in form of writing. Thomas Hobbes believes that all country should have strong leader, moral rule and harmony which are the main key that drives our country to the positive side.

³ Complete Dictionary of Scientific Biography.. "Thomas Hobbes." *encyclopedia*. September 16, 2012 <http://www.encyclopedia.com/topic/Thomas_Hobbes.aspx>