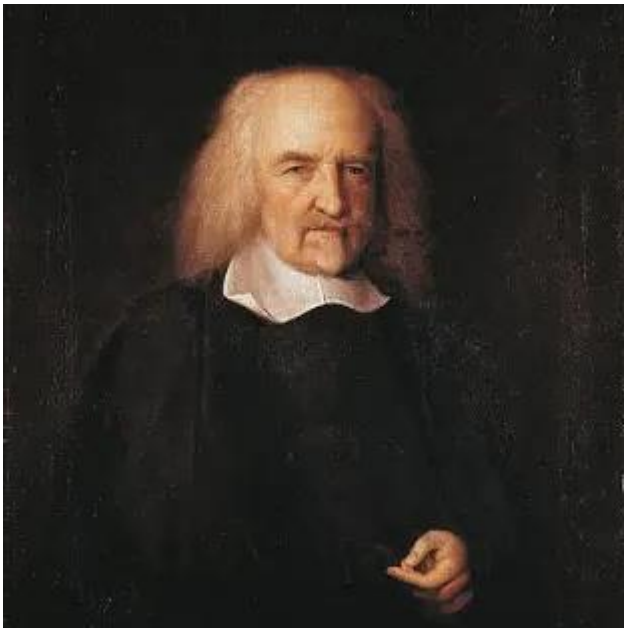


Thomas Hobbes

Thomas Hobbes is an **English philosopher** born in 1588 and one of the most important figures of the Enlightenment movement. Today, Hobbes is considered one of the founders of modern political philosophy. Many of his political ideas are still influential to different systems of government around the world.



Hobbes believed and wrote that the only way for a society to have order or peace was through a strong government or absolute monarchy. He believed that society formed a “Social Contract”. A **social contract** is an agreement between the people and the government. The people agree to give up some of their rights to the government. In return, the government promises to keep the people safe, protect their rights, and secure order.