

Direct Instruction

Philosophy

noun

- the study of the fundamental nature of knowledge, reality, and existence,
- a theory or attitude held by a person or organization that acts as a guiding principle for behavior:

Philo - Love (Koine Greek)

Sophy - Wisdom (Koine Greek)

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different thinkers and philosophers from Europe influenced the leaders of the Revolution.

Discussion

Discuss with one or two other people at your table:

How much authority or control do you think governments should have over their people? Why?

Complete control -- the government provides everything: your home, your job, your modes of transportation, your food.

No Control what-so-ever - the government provides nothing: you supply your own home, your own job, your own transportation, your food

Discussion

Many important thinkers or philosophers have struggled with and pondered the same question (How much control a government should have) over hundreds of years. People still debate this today. Three important philosophers that influenced the leaders of the American Revolution were:

- Thomas Hobbes
- John Locke
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau

social contract: an agreement between the people and the government in which the needs of the individual are balanced with the needs of society and in which citizens give up certain liberties in exchange for certain protections.