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Compare and contrast the different political philosophies of Hobbes and Locke. How are these philosophies implemented in present day political system and policy making?

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### Introduction

'Hobbes and Locke

were two great

English philosophers"

(- Maxey)

Thomas Hobbes and

John Locke gave political philosophies according to the conditions prevailing in their era. However, both philosophies were mismatch.

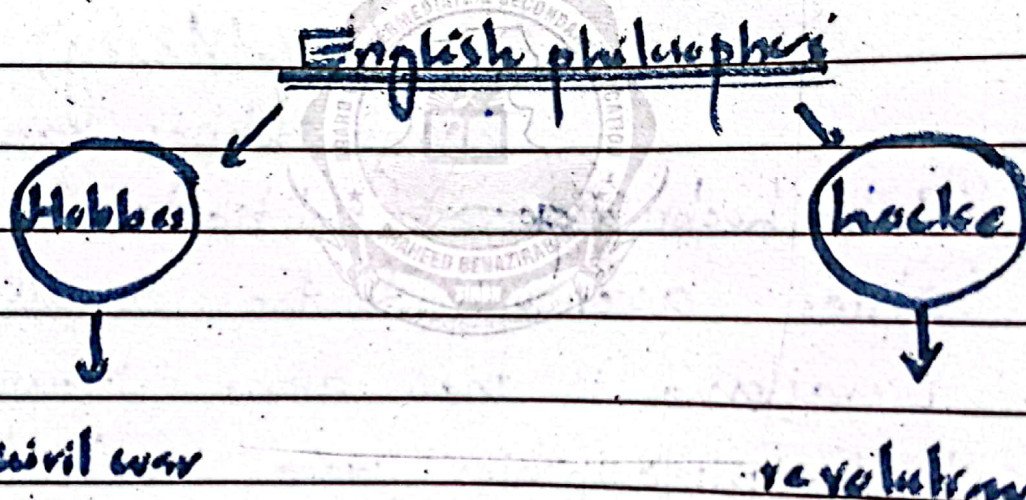
Moreover, these philosophies can be implemented in present political system. Therefore, Hobbes and Locke's philosophies were great political philosophies.

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## Personal life and era

Locke and Hobbes were English philosophers. Both saw different situations in their time.

"Hobbes saw a great civil war in England, while Locke saw a revolutionary period."



Therefore, both were great philosophers of their time.

## 3- Human nature

Human nature described by Hobbes was different

from human nature of Locke.  
 Hobbes presented a dark picture of a man.

"Man is selfish, fearful, cunning, nasty, and brutal."

(Hobbes)

However, Locke presented a good image of a man.

"Man is simple, sympathetic, cooperative, and optimistic."

(Locke)

Thus, both presented different picture of human nature.

#### 4- State of nature

State of nature was also very different from each other. Hobbes described a cruel face of the state.

"State is an endless

struggle and revolves  
in a continuous cycle  
of war." (Hobbes)

While, Locke describe state as  
a goodwill and peaceful.

"State is the sum  
of perfect freedom  
and liberty in  
equality." (Locke)

Hence, State of nature was also  
unlike.

## 5- Social Contract

Social contract of  
both, Hobbes and Locke was also  
different. Hobbes claimed an agr-  
eement will fix human nature  
in a contract.

"I authorize and surrender  
my rights to sovereignty."  
(- Hobbes)

Further, Hobbes said;

"I surrender my rights,  
liberty, and property  
to sovereign  
and will not go against  
to him if he fails."  
(Hobbes)

However, Locke gave a concept of  
bilateral contract.

• You sovereign,  
You guardian,  
and  
responsible to you.

(Locke)

To sum up, Hobbes surrendered all  
rights to sovereign, while Locke  
created democratic contract.

6- Hobbes and Locke's political philosophy possible implementation in today's political system and in policy making.

Following are imple-  
mentations:

a) Democratic system promotion  
Locke's philosophy  
of democratic system is a  
good option. Democratic system  
needs Locke's philosophy in  
its affairs.

"A democracy is always  
a good and  
stable form of the  
government."

(Thomas Hobbes)

Hence, Locke's philosophy is favour-  
able to democratic system.

b) Public checks in policy making  
Moreover, public  
can examine political policy  
making. In fact, a democratic  
system empowers public to make

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Sovereign body responsible:

"One who surrenders  
liberty for the sake  
of security, neither  
gets liberty nor  
security."  
(Hobbes)

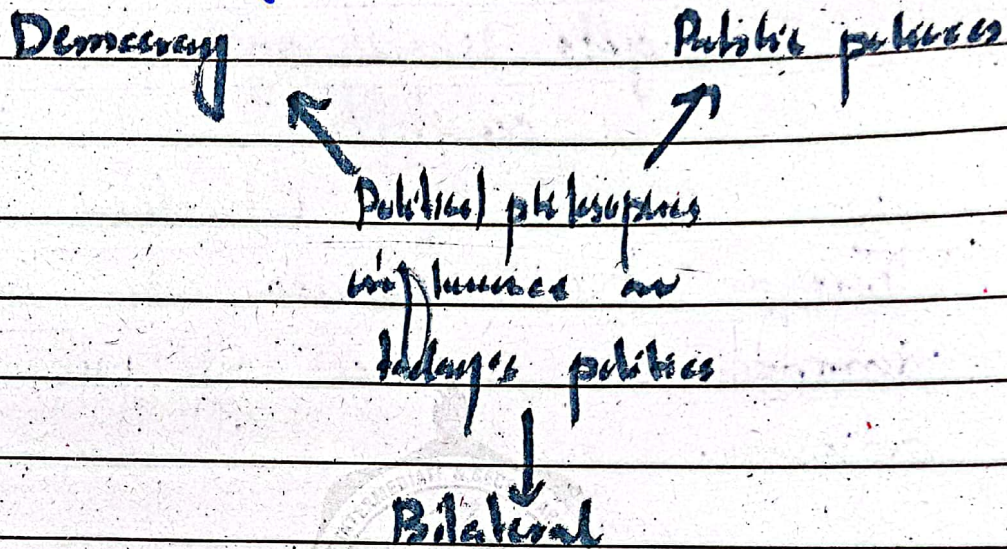
Therefore, public policies can be  
framed on advices of public  
opinions.

c) Bilateral cooperation and social  
structure

Bilateral cooperation  
and social structure can be framed  
positively. In fact, democratic  
system needs to cooperate bilaterally  
and can bring revolution.

"A responsible government  
is always a democratic  
government and leads to  
better social growth."  
(Hobbes)

Therefore, social structure can be reformed by implementing hacker's philosophy.



7. Criticism on Hobbes and hacker's philosophy

"Both were righteous of their times."

(- Maxey)

Hobbes and hacker were righteous of their times. There is no criticism on their philosophies as both presented the prevailed condition of that time.



"Man was a monster  
and needed one  
big monster."

(- Hobbes)

However, Locke described as,

"Natural laws were  
provided by man,  
needed reformed  
natural laws."

(- Locke)

Therefore, both were right in  
accordance with situations and  
has no criticism.

## 8- Conclusion

"Hobbes and Locke  
were great observers  
of their times."

(- Maxey)

Hobbes and Locke were  
great philosophers of their times.  
However, philosophies of both were

different from each other. However, philosophies of great philosophers can be implemented in today's political system.

