



<p>John Locke</p> <p>Two Treatises of Civil Government</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Two Treatises of Civil Government</b> By John Locke (1632-1704)</p> <p><i>The Two Treatises of Civil Government</i> is a work of political philosophy published anonymously in 1689 by John Locke. The <i>First Treatise</i> is an extended attack on Sir Robert Filmer's <i>Patriarcha</i>, which argued for a divinely-ordained, hereditary, absolute monarchy. The more influential <i>Second Treatise</i> outlines a theory of civil society based on natural rights and contract theory. Locke begins by describing the "state of nature," and goes on to explain the hypothetical rise of property and civilization, asserting that the only legitimate governments are those which have the consent of the people.</p> <p>Locke's ideas heavily influenced both the American and French Revolutions. His notions of people's rights and the role of civil government provided strong support for the intellectual movements of both revolutions. (Summary adapted from Wikipedia)</p> <p>Total running time: 11:04:05. Read by Philippa, D.E. Wittkower, Anna Simon, Nikki Sullivan, Sibella Denton, Jc Guan, &amp; Ashwin Jain.</p> <p>This recording is in the public domain and may be reproduced, distributed, or modified without permission. For more information or to volunteer, visit <a href="http://librivox.org">librivox.org</a>.</p> <p>Cover image by <i>William Audsley &amp; George Ashdown Audsley (1882)</i>. Copyright expired in US, Canada, EU and all countries with author's life +70 yrs laws. Cover design by Janette Brown. This design is in the public domain.</p>	<p>Two Treatises of Civil Government</p> <p>John Locke</p>
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