

- Sought for secular basis of authority.
- source of absolute authority of sovereign in will & consent of individuals.
- Need for strong government
- State of nature. \* Man is selfish & cruel. - poor, nasty, brutish & short
  - \* Driven by endless appetite to grab everything.
  - \* Atmosphere of extreme insecurity
  - \* Urge of self preservation demanded formation of state
- Terms of contract
  - \* Giving up of natural rights
  - \* Establish sovereign with supreme & absolute power.
  - \* No right to revolt against sovereign.
- Absolute sovereignty
  - \* fear of punishment.
  - \* Security of civil state rests exclusively on terror.
  - \* no limitation on sovereign.
  - \* Pools power to intimidate law breakers.
- Critics
  - \* Macpherson - as possessive individualism.
    - spokesman of emerging competitive market.
  - \* creation of strong govt that provide protection to wealth as well as business operation.
- Law & order state.
- Provide security & not good life.