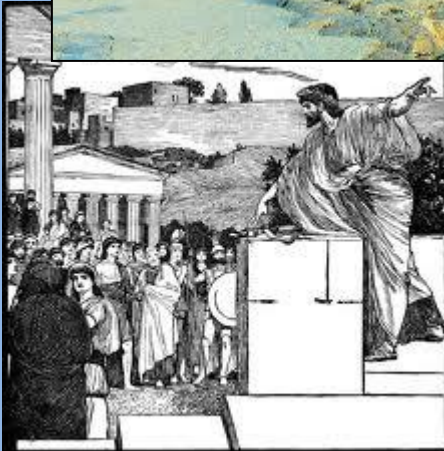
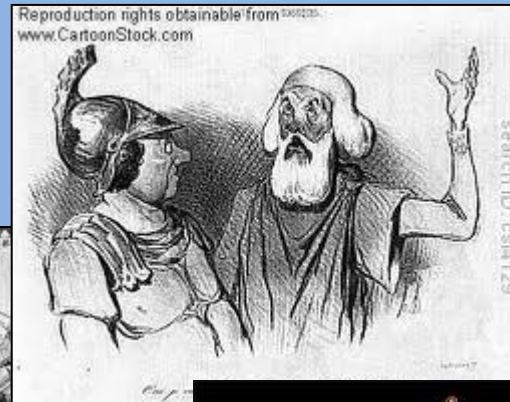
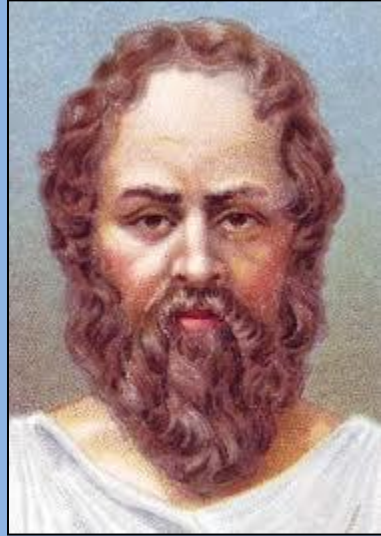


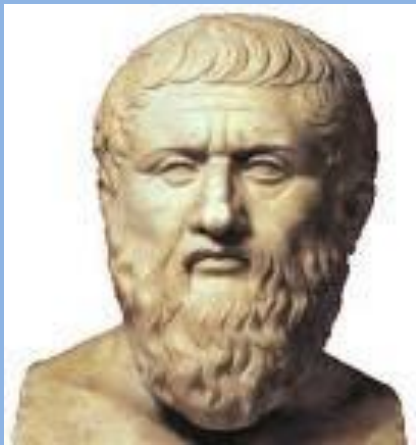
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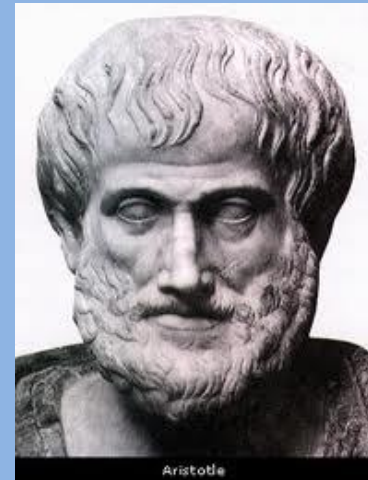
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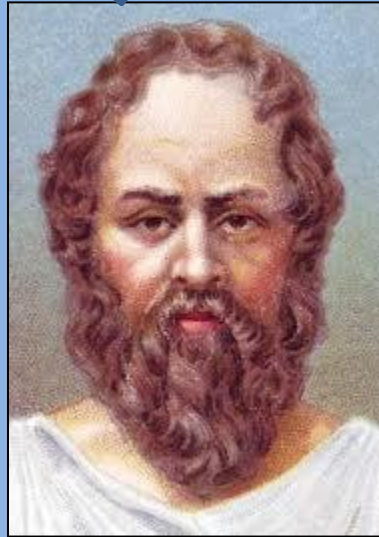


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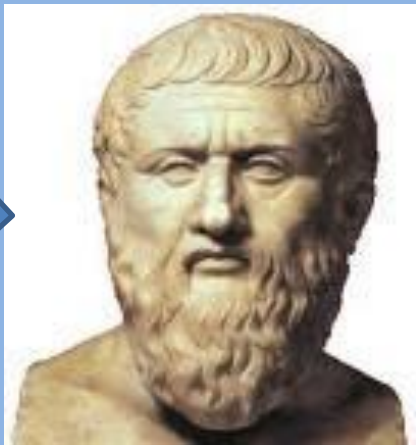
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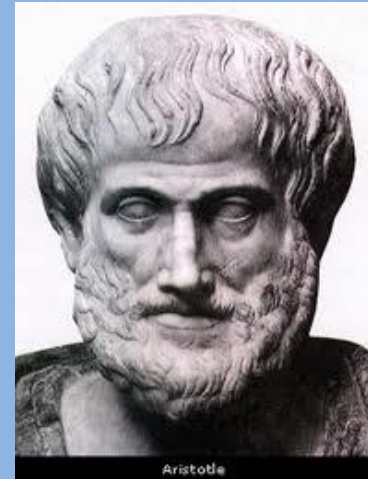


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In a famous experiment, Socrates proved that all knowledge is inborn by getting an uneducated slave boy to solve a geometry problem.



He did this by asking the boy a series of leading questions until he was able to solve the problem. Socrates believed that this proved that the slave boy was born with the knowledge of geometry.



Socrates was a philosopher/teacher who walked the streets of Athens discussing philosophy with the young people of the city.



The leaders of Athens eventually put him to death because he was corrupting the morals of the young people.

He was forced to drink hemlock and continued to talk on his death bed until his life was over

Plato believed that you are born with all of the knowledge of the world already inside your brain. All you have to do is get the knowledge out of your brain



**Who you are is determined at birth.**

# PLATO'S REPUBLIC



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- This is how Plato thought society should be organized
- Everyone is born to do a certain job
- You cannot change what you were born to do
- If you do the job you were born to do you will be happy
- Everyone has a place in society.
- You cannot move up or down in society
- Society is more important than any one individual
- You were born to serve society

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The king or queen is born with gold in their veins. They are the smartest people in society. **The king was born to be king**



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Everyone else is born with copper in their veins

# PLATO'S REPUBLIC



- You are what you were born to be.
- You can never be anything else
- To be truly happy you must do what you were born to do



**At birth  
everyone is  
assigned a  
place in  
Plato's  
Republic**



**By serving  
the state you  
are serving  
the people in  
the state**

**The Middle  
Ages  
Catholic  
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Plato's  
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**GOD**  
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**The world  
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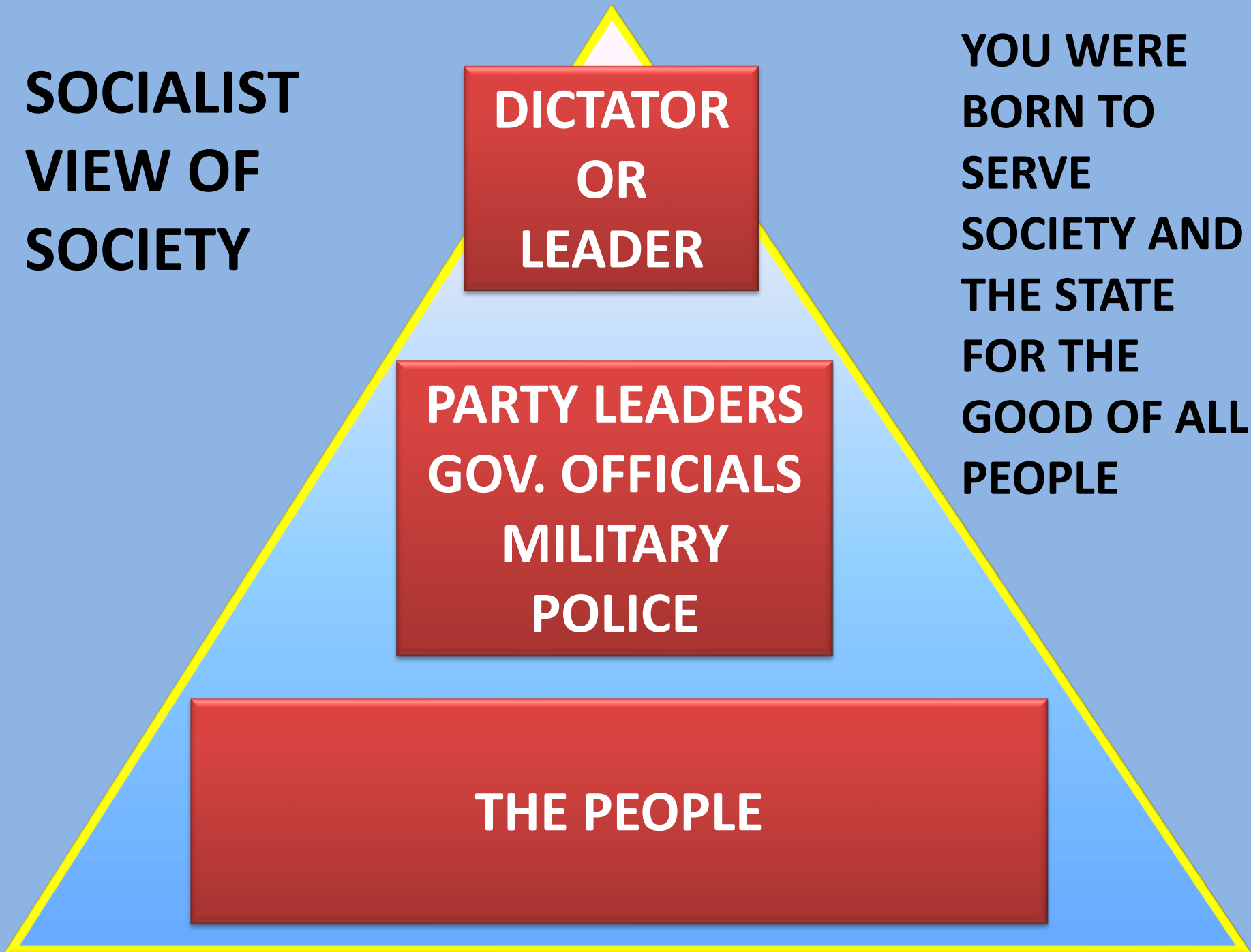
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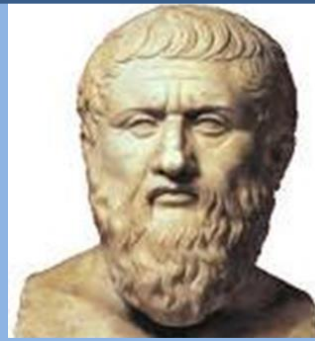
**YOU WERE  
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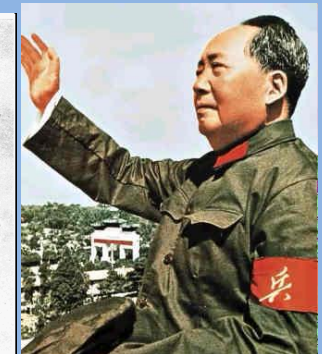
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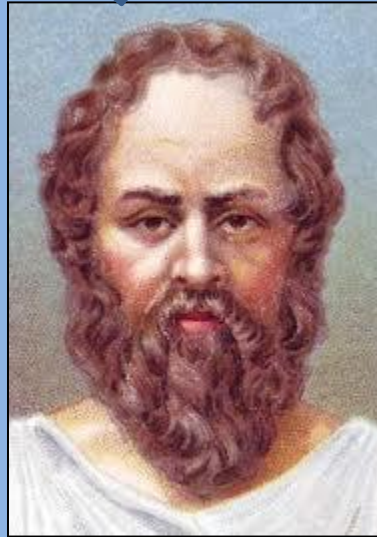
# DIVINE RIGHT OF KINGS

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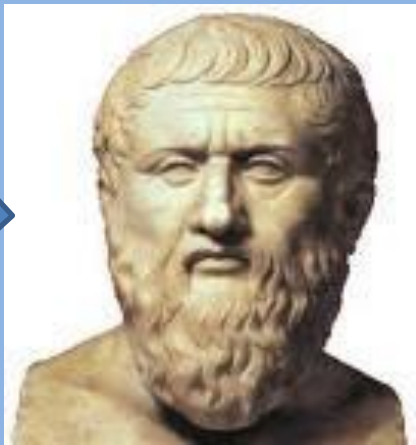


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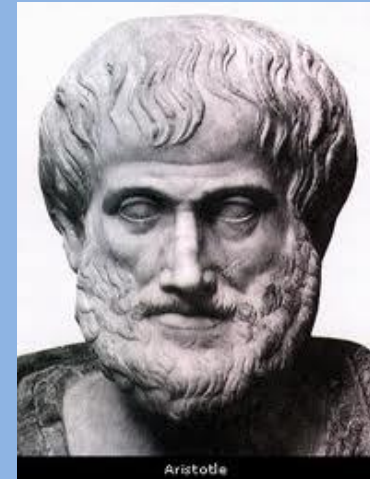


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**ARISTOTLE**

# Aristotle

*“The Philosopher”*



Generally recognized as the best-educated individual of his or any time, and his mastery of all the world's knowledge places him on "the shortest of lists of the giants of Western thought

Aristotle studied and wrote about all areas of human knowledge and experience.

He was an eclectic thinker who had an impact on Western thought from epistemology to politics

## **Aristotelian Achievements**

**First to categorize branches of knowledge such as biology, physics, art, music, etc.**

**Developed the science of logic through argument.**

**Separated the study of weather from astronomy.**

**First to categorize animals in genomes and species.**

**First to study language and developed the syllogism.**

**Founded the study of psychology.**

**Aristotle had been  
tutor to Alexander the  
Great.**



**After the death of Alexander the Athenians turned on  
Aristotle because of his relationship to Macedonia.**

**He was charged with the same crimes that Socrates  
had been charged with.**

**Rather than wait to be tried Aristotle withdrew to the  
Macedonian community of Chalcis, dying there of  
natural causes in 322 BC.**

*SO HOW DID  
ARISTOTLE SEE THE  
RELATIONSHIP OF  
PEOPLE TO SOCIETY  
AND THE STATE?*

- Base your opinions on objective criteria developed through study and research
- Avoid opinions based on subjective feelings
- Be tolerant of the opinions of others
- Treat everyone as individuals rather than members of a group
- Know that the individual is more important than the group or society
- Avoid societal pressures on individual thought
- Teach the young morality based on study and contemplation
- Avoid extremes and seek out “the mean.”

*The state is more important than the individual*

<b>PLATO</b>
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<b>COMMUNISM</b>
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<b>DIKTATORSHIPS DIKTATORS RULE</b>

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