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Six liberal thinkers: Summary table

	Human nature	Society	State	Economy
1. John Locke				
2. John Stuart Mill				
3. John Rawls				
4. Thomas Hill Green				
5. Mary Wollstonecraft				
6. Betty Friedman				

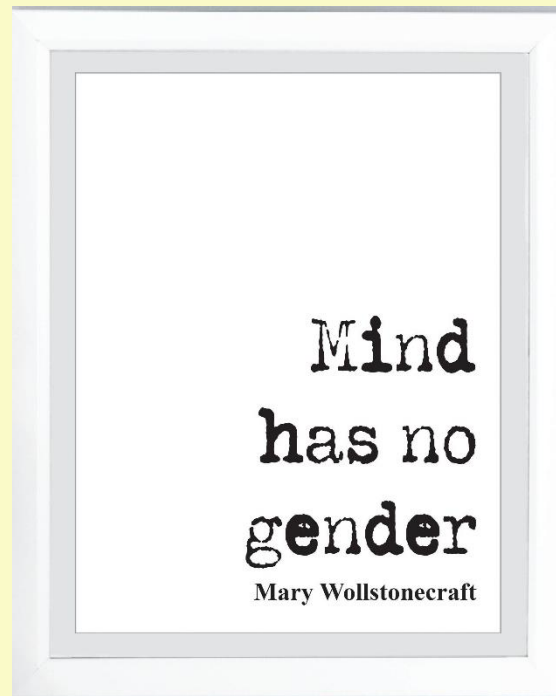
**What do you  
remember  
learning about  
Mary  
Wollstonecraft?**



# Human nature

men and women are  
equally rational and  
self-motivated

The mind  
has no  
gender



# Economy

## Women's economic freedom



# State

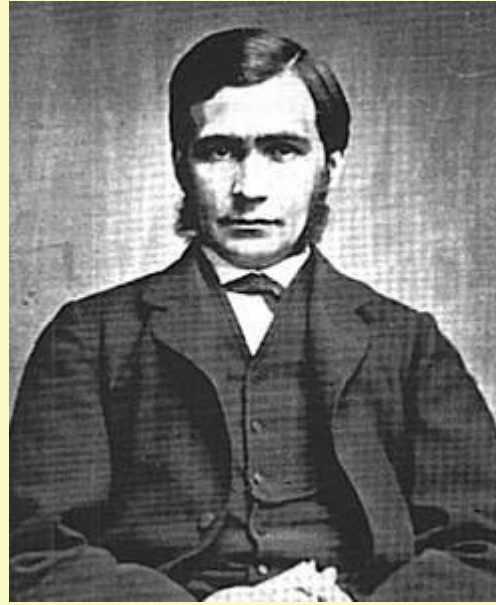
- liberal democracy
- free/fair elections
- versus monarchism
- pro republicanism



# Society

- Formal equality for all
- especially men and women
- anti-slavery
- (illegitimate exercise of arbitrary power)





**Thomas Hill  
Green**

1836–1882



## Green supported

1. regulation of labour contracts to limit workplace hours and factory conditions
2. greater opportunities for agricultural workers to own land
3. public health and safety regulations
4. education reforms, improving access to elementary, secondary, and higher education, regardless of socioeconomic status
5. the improvement of educational and economic opportunities for women



# Human nature

**developmental**  
individualism

(self-realisation)



# Economy

## Free market capitalism



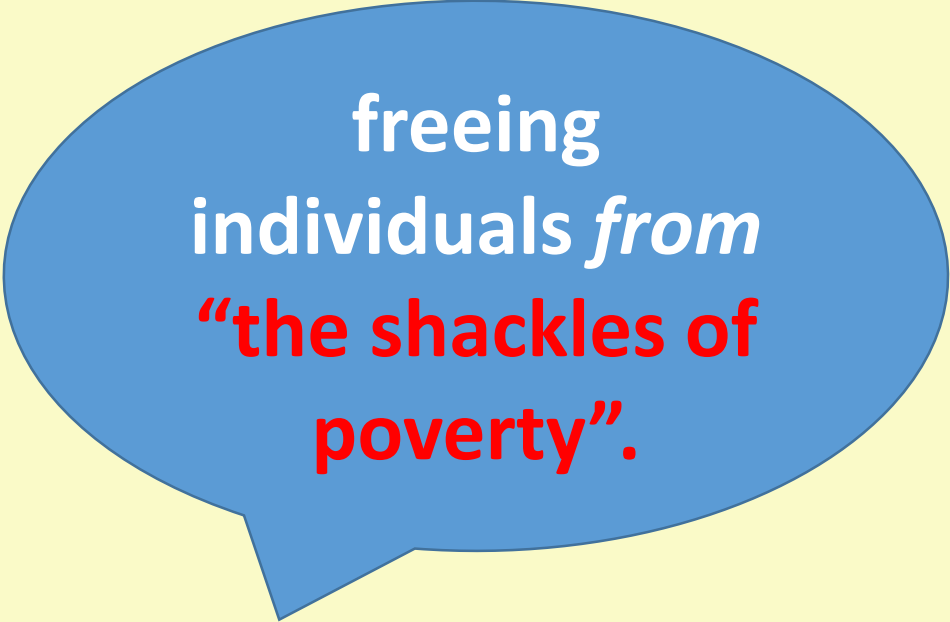
# State

- believes in an **enabling** state



# Society

- positive liberty  
(freedom to)



freeing  
individuals *from*  
**“the shackles of  
poverty”**.