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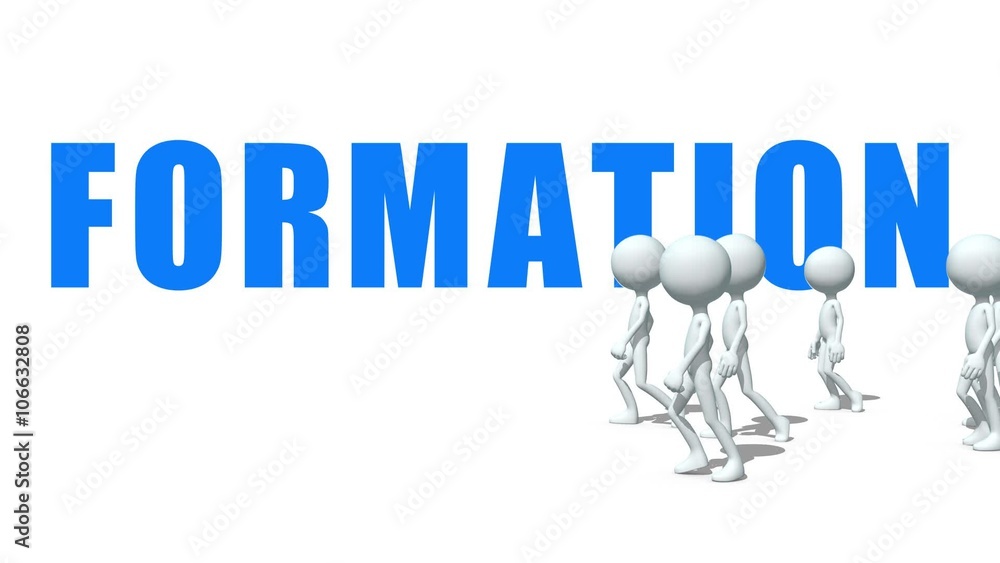
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* State formation theories
* Theocracy

God establishes the State, he gives orders to the rulers who are accountable only to him, and they are appointed by him, that’s why they regarded themselves as the descendants of God.

The government acts without any accountability to the people.

Divine Theory

“The State is a product of the mutual agreement of people”

It is established as a result of a situation called “the state of nature” which is characterized by the absence of authority, civil law, state control.

The social contract is:

* Between people and the constituted authority according to Thomas Hobbes.
* Between all and all, not with the government, according to John Locke
* Designed to provide “Collective Security” and is of all with all, according to Jean Jacques Rousseau

Social Contract Theory

The State is a product of natural evolution; there are many factors that contributed in the beginning of government:

Kinship, religion, force, political consciousness

The state is a result of a need for security and order; men believed through ages that they can develop their lives through the state, out of it they are naturally either God or Beast.

Natural Theory of State

The Force Theory

The conquest and coercion are the original factors of state creation; it is created when the stronger subjugate the weaker.

Therefore, people who are physically powerful are the best, and the state is superior to other forms of human associations because it is power

“The term is derived from the Greek word theocratic, which is a compound word that combines Theo’s, which means “God”, and Keratine, which means “to rule”. A theocracy therefore, is a form of government in which a religious leader rules according to a certain religious belief.”

(Syed Raheem Abbas, Mohammad Asim, 2015, p390).

“Theocracy means God’s rule. Theocratic government implies public-political power in the hands of human beings who, in this case, are not elected on the basis of one person vote while a direct mandate from God cannot be indisputably established.”

(Bas DE.GAA Fortman, 2008, p58)



There is a very important concept to define before getting into the next chapter; it is “Theocracy”

