

Hitler as Leviathan of the German People; a Map of the Threat to Germany (1936)

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The following two images are found in a small pamphlet on the general election and single-question referendum held in Germany on March 29, 1936 (Des Deutschen Volkes Schicksalswende am 29. Marx).

As it turns out the small pamphlet accordion-folded out to about 2.5 feet, which was printed on both sides. Anyway the single question was whether the voter wanted a single-party representation by the NSDAP in the Reichstag--not surprisingly whatsoever the German population voted/"voted" 99% in favor of the proposal.

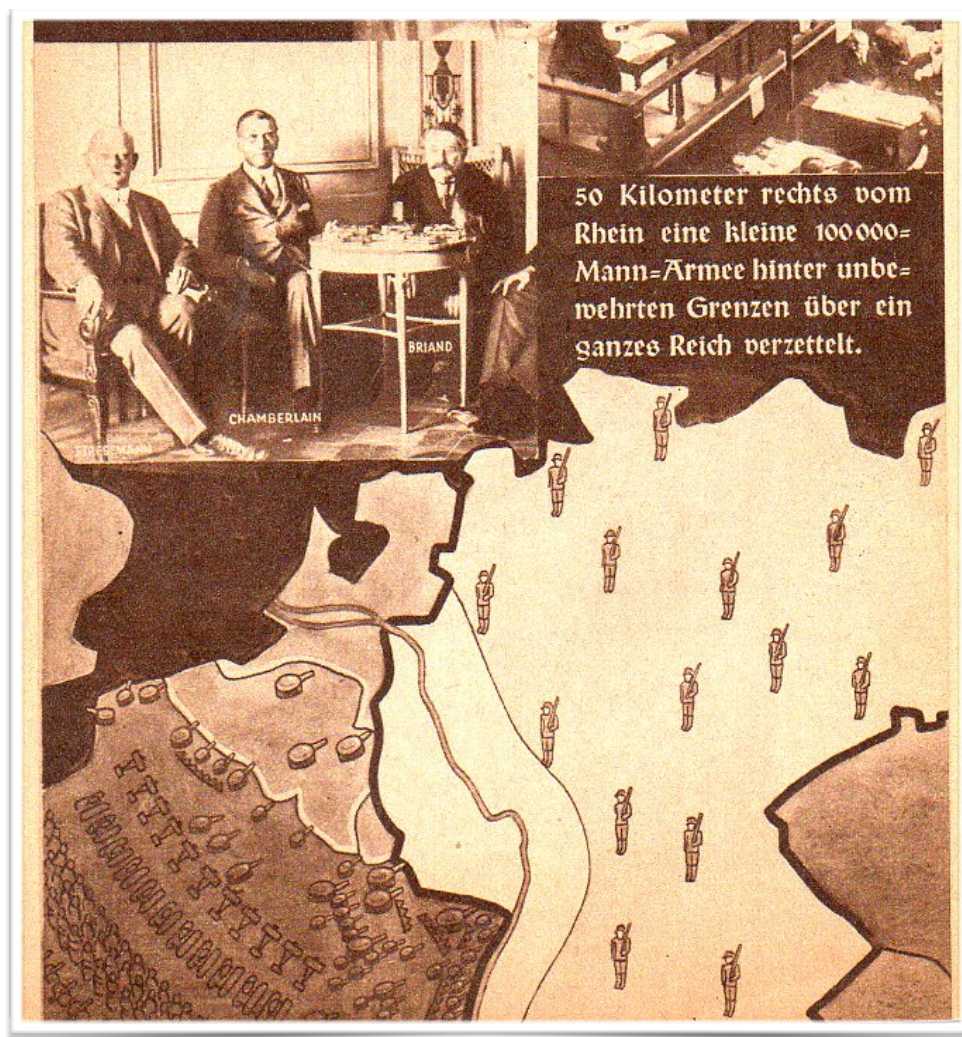
The pamphlet was a gross propaganda instrument, as was the "election/referendum", and it contained a number of striking images, though perhaps none so as near-unforgettable as that showing Hitler arising from a living-person map of Germany:



Hitler came to power via a number of elections ... he didn't just take it, or at least not until 1933; 44 million people voted in March 1933 (an 88% turnout), and 17 million voted for the NSDAP and Hitler giving him the popular vote and the most seats in the Reichstag. In the November 1933 ("Ein Volk, Ein Fuhrer, Ein Ja") elections, 39 million/92% voted for Hitler, which was another story. And here he is, rising from a sea of Germans, three years later, a leader restrictive of enemies and opposition, the whole thing looking horrible.

Here's another bit from the same 12-panel accordion-fold pamphlet, a propaganda map showing the possibly invasive weaknesses of the Versailles-dictated German army. AS in the case of several other maps posted to this blog on this 1934-1939 geographic creation of risk and threat, this one depicts a heavily-armed and populated French army looking at Germany, while the relatively-meagre 100,000-man German army quietly protects itself on the borders 50km away from the Rhine.

I guess it might have been effective if people were actually voting in this election, for scared people to vote their scared conscience for the man who scared them. The writing however was on the proverbial wall, and the only thing left to do with the Versailles treaty at that point would be to scrap it. About four years later the Nazis would come sweeping down on France and by June 22 the French would be signing a humiliating surrender instrument.



Hitler fulfilled Hobbes' ideal

In [Leviathan](#) (1651), Hobbes stated that the way to create a Commonwealth is to “unite the multitude in one and the same person.” The image below conveys Hobbes' conception.

At the Nuremberg rallies (see below), Hitler fulfilled Hobbes' fantasy—the West's central political ideal—many bodies united within the body of the sovereign.

Hitler proclaimed to his youth: “You are flesh of my flesh, blood of my blood. You are all one, belonging to me.”

Never before—and never since—has a nation been so united.



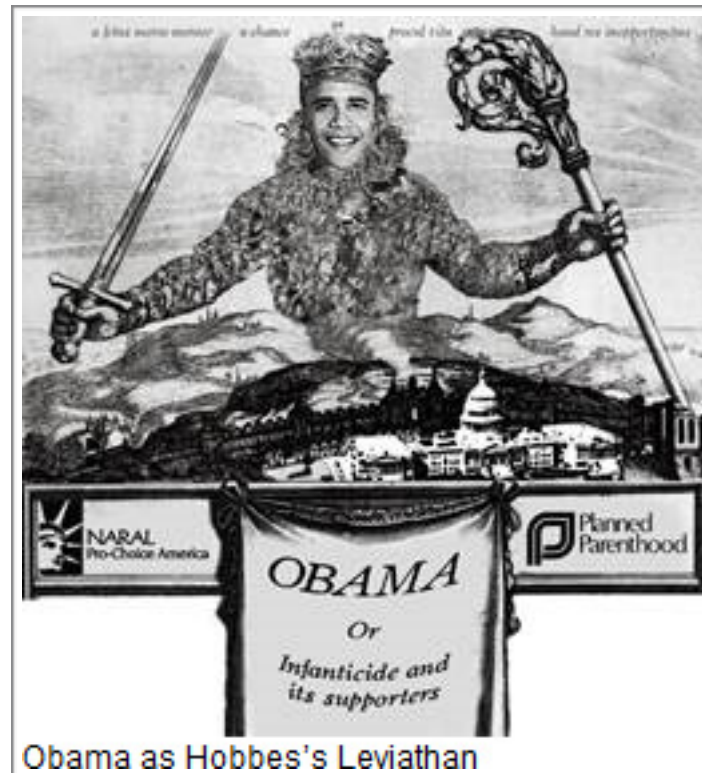
The frontispiece of *Leviathan* depicts a man whose torso and arms are composed of tiny individual persons crowded closely together.



A massive rally at Nuremberg (1937) composed of thousands of men crowded closely together.

On Hobbes and the Leviathan who devours men

by [Ellis Washington](#)



Obama as Hobbes's Leviathan

It is not wisdom but authority that makes law.

During the time men live without a common power to keep them all in awe, they are in that conditions called war; and such a war, as if of every man, against every man.

~ Hobbes

Biography

Thomas Hobbes (1588-1679), was an English philosopher, scholar who is famous for his writings on moral philosophy and political philosophy. His magnum opus, *Leviathan* (1651) further developed Machiavelli's ends/means paradigm as well as establishing social contract theory, psychological egoism and materialism as essential aspects of political philosophy in the Western tradition. On a macro level Hobbes was a defender of authoritarianism for the sovereign, nevertheless he also advanced many fundamental precepts of European liberal tradition – the right of the individual; the natural equality of all men; the artificial character of the political order (the State vs. civil society); the idea that all authority and political control must be "representative" and based on the consent of the governed or the people; and a liberal understanding of law which leaves people free to do whatever the law does not clearly prohibit.

Together with Machiavelli, Hobbes was one of the originators of modern moral philosophy, political philosophy and political science. His materialistic, amoral conception of humans ignores their spiritual dimension and understood humans as being matter and motion, obeying the same physical laws as other matter and motion, continues to be germane even today.

Hobbes's analysis of human nature in government as self-interested and self-will predated by several centuries ideas later proposed by Nietzsche in the late 1800s (Will to Power) to Ayn Rand's Objectivist philosophy of the 1930s-80s which [deified selfishness as a virtue](#), and of modern political groups embracing his "social contract" theory is one of the main pillars of political philosophy. A true Renaissance man, in addition to political philosophy, Hobbes also was an expert in many other intellectual disciplines, including history, geometry, physics, theology, ethics, and general philosophy.

Leviathan

Written in at the dawn of the Age of Enlightenment (c.1650-1800) Hobbes's Leviathan (1651), laid out his principles establishing the foundation of states, civil society and representative governments which is derivative of his [social contract theory](#). Leviathan was written during the English Civil War (1642-51) and much of the book is concerned with establishing the need of a strong central government to escape the evil of conflict and civil war.

Using first principles Hobbes begins his analysis of the State from a materialistic view of human beings and their attendant passions, not from a moral or biblical view as free agents of God, but from a mechanistic view that humans are merely animals acting on their base instincts. Under this machinelike paradigm, Hobbes theorized a society in anarchy – or human existence without the strictures of government, a situation he defines as a "state of nature."

Relying on the works of natural law philosophy Hugo Grotius (minus his natural law ideas), Hobbes essentially proposed the idea that in a state of nature every person would have a right, or sanction to everything in the world. This state of anarchy absent a viable political community of course would lead to what Hobbes called a "war of all against all" ([bellum omnium contra omnes](#)). Regarding this perpetual chaotic state of nature Hobbes famously wrote:

In such condition, there is no place for industry; because the fruit thereof is uncertain: and consequently no culture of the earth; no navigation, nor use of the commodities that may be imported by sea; no commodious building; no instruments of moving, and removing, such things as require much force; no knowledge of the face of the earth; no account of time; no arts; no letters; no society; and which is worst of all, continual fear, and danger of violent death; *and the life of man, solitary, poor, nasty, brutish, and short.*

In such a disordered state of nature, people fear death the most and are desperate to achieve a ordered, predictable life, therefore, in order to avoid societal chaos people must be willing to give up some of their God-given natural rights founded under natural law and agree to be governed under a social contract and form a civil society.

Unlike Montesquieu's Spirit of Laws (1748) which America's Framers got the ideas on separation of powers, under Hobbes's view separation of powers natural rights under natural law does not exist and tragically does not need to exist for according to Hobbes, the sovereign must have absolute control civil, military, judicial, and ecclesiastical powers over every person thus creating the awe-inspiring symbol of government power over people, "Leviathan" or the biblical sea monster whose omnipotent powers controls and dominates all.

Today we call such forms government tyrannical, fascist, collectivist, statist, communist or socialist.

Tragically these so-called "progressive" governments exist all over the world including here in America under the Marxist / Alinsky government of Barack Obama.

Hobbes and Human Nature

Editor Ted Honderich in The Oxford Guide to Philosophy says this about Hobbes and his writings on human nature: "*Hobbes has a somewhat pessimistic view of human nature, but he did not hold the view that the only motive for human action was self-interest, a view known as 'psychological egoism.'*"

However, I don't think this is true for Hobbes was a major proponent of psychological egoism and materialism in establishing the civil society. As a skeptic and possibly an atheist, he believed that most people are like children born concerned only with themselves and their families, therefore very few people other than on a general level really are strongly interested in the long-term welfare of other people. He does not deny that some people are concerned with others, and in Leviathan he devotes much analysis on issues like Benevolence, Good Will, Charity, Good Nature and 'Love of persons for society, KINDNESS.'

However, he is skeptical that such passions are prevalent enough to rely on them when building a civil society, thus the need for a tyrannical "sovereign" to impose his will on the majority allegedly for the "common good" of all.

Hobbes's understanding of the will was desire and passion that leads to action, therefore Hobbes' social contract theory mandates the people always follow their infantile and selfish passions and desires.

Since Hobbes also believes that "*the common name for all things that are desired, in so far as they are desired, is good,*" it follows that everyman seeks what is good to him. As we shall later see Hobbes social contract theory is a perversion of the social contract the America's Framers relied on to create it Republic form of government based on natural law, natural rights, God and the Bible.

These principles came largely from the writings and ideas of [Blackstone, Montesquieu and Locke not Hobbes](#). The societal chaos of French Revolution was rooted in the ideas of Hobbes.

Hobbes in Modern Times

However, Hobbes does not seem to foresee the chaos his social contract would engender where the sovereign devolves into a dictator and tyranny reigns supreme because the president or chancellor seizes all the branches of the government onto himself (Hitler); where the executive become the lawgiver (Congress) and law interpreter (Judiciary) all unto himself (Obama).

In American history there have been many presidents who have acted in a despotic manner, the Obama administration being the most recent with his unwillingness to consult Congress over any policy position but instead uses Congress's intransigence against his progressive policies as a pretext to metaphorically do what Hitler did in 1934 – burn down the Reichstag (parliament building) and upon its ashes build the National Socialist Party (Nazi Party) and blame the destruction of the Reichstag on your political enemies (the Jews, the communists and the Christians).

It's a cynical strategy rooted in Hobbesian psychological egoism whereby human self-interest replaces God, natural law and the Constitution.

Hobbesian fascism was demonstrated in [Lincoln's suspension of habeus corpus](#) and unilateral implementation of the income tax to pay for the Civil War (1861-65) as a pretext to imprison over 15,000 people including journalists and political enemies. Hobbesian fascism was a pretext Theodore Roosevelt used to do virtually every policy position during his presidential term (1901-09); particularly egregious to the Constitution was perverting and manipulating the Supreme Court to pass his obviously unconstitutional attacks against Rockefeller's Standard Oil, Carnegie's steel and banking monopolies of J.P. Morgan and others.

All he did was replace a business monopoly with a fascist State; one where as president of the fascist State he would dictate what are "fair" business practices not the free market capitalist system. This so-called "Imperial Presidency" model has been followed by virtually every president since Theodore Roosevelt.

Again, again and again we see Hobbesian fascism of the seventeenth century on display in modern times where his sovereign devolves to tyrannical status under the guise of "democracy" – Theodore Roosevelt's "Square Deal" and conservation fascism confiscating [230 million of acres of land as federal land](#), Woodrow Wilson's Twenty One Points and his League of Nations (a precursor to the socialist, anti-Semitic United Nations), FDR's New Deal and welfare state, Truman's "Fair Deal," LBJ's "Great Society," Nixon's EPA, OSHA, Affirmative Action, Clinton's ["Global Initiative"](#) and Obama's New Deal, Part 2, bringing in millions of diseased, uneducated and illegal aliens from El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico to purposely collapse the system as he Columbia professor mentors [Cloward and Piven](#) taught him in the early 1980s and now [Obama's feckless egalitarianism is spreading the deadly disease Ebola in America](#).

The cumulative effect of confiscating and Marxist redistribution of trillions of taxpayers' money to improve the human condition, yet in all respects society is more ignorant, decadent, alienated and poverty-stricken than preceding generations of the past 100 years is so Hobbes's "Sovereign" as synonymous with tyranny and dictatorship could pervert the Constitution for power, for money and to control the masses and make their own citizens slaves to the federal government and to the omnipotent State.

From the Age of Enlightenment to the French Revolution, from Marxist socialism, Darwin's evolution atheism to Obama's Neo-Marxism and Saul Alinsky policies, liberals have turned liberalism into fascism, tyranny and genocide in their social contract to seize power, resources, control and [all societal institutions](#). This is Hobbes's tragic, anti-God legacy – Hell on earth through government, or as he once write: "Hell is Truth seen too late."

**N.B.: This essay is based in part on ideas from *Great Books of the Western World*, Robert Maynard Hutchins, Editor-in-Chief (University of Chicago, 1952), Vol. 1, Chap. 31 – Government; Vol. 23 – Machiavelli and Hobbes; *The Oxford Guide to Philosophy*, Ted Honderich, Editor (Oxford University Press, 2005), essay on Hobbes, pp. 392-396.

WWII will be HORRIBLE.

Hitler will not just use both sides' technology, but also the most forbidden of all the sciences: **manipulating Human DNA** to create the Übermensch.

Considering the Nazi obsession with Transhumanism, if they would ever appear in the timeline, they would abuse Darwinism for all its' worth. Millions more there will be killed there than they were in our world. The Nazis will probably turn to Darwinist tech to try to create [Übermensch](#) and will have no qualms about creating [Eldritch Abominations](#) made from Holocaust victims.

Genesis of the Übermensch

The real destiny of Man is something that ordinary men could not conceive and would be unable to comprehend, even if given a glimpse of it.

Our revolution is a final stage in an evolution that will end by abolishing history.

It is my ultimate aim to perform an act of creation, a divine operation, the goal of a biological mutation which will result in an unprecedented exaltation of the human race and the appearance of a new race of heroes, demi-gods and god-men.

My party comrades have no conception of the dreams that haunt my mind, or of the grandiose edifice of which the foundations, at least, will have been laid before I die.

The world has reached a turning point, and will undergo an upheaval which the uninitiated cannot understand.

~ Hitler