

Enlightenment Thinkers

Locke

- **"Natural Law":**
God gives us our rights...
(the government can't give them or take them!)
- **"Social Contract"**
We give up some freedoms to gain gov't protection
- We used these arguments in the D.O.I.

Montesquieu

- Three branches of government

Note: This is not the same thing as "Checks and Balances" !

Paine

- **"Common Sense"**
 - Propaganda
 - Influenced colonists to leave English oppression, or bullying
- He convinced people to support the break from England, however risky.