

Theories on How Government Began

How Did Government Begin?

- For centuries, political _____ have theorized about the origin of the _____ and government
- Four _____ have become the most commonly _____ explanations of how government began

The 4 Theories

Force Theory

- _____ (the state) was created by _____
- One _____ or group claimed control over land
- The people were forced to _____ to the rule of this person/group

Evolutionary Theory

- A primitive _____ where one person was the head is the root of early government
- Over time, this family evolved into a _____ & then a _____
- When _____ began, the tribe settled down & _____ began

Divine Right Theory

- _____ created the state and gave those of royal birth “divine right” to rule
- The people were bound to _____ the ruler as they would _____

Social Contract Theory

- Before government, the _____ took what they wanted & no _____ existed to stop them
- Humans created govt b/c they were _____ of this “unpleasant condition” & _____ to give up some power to the government in exchange for _____