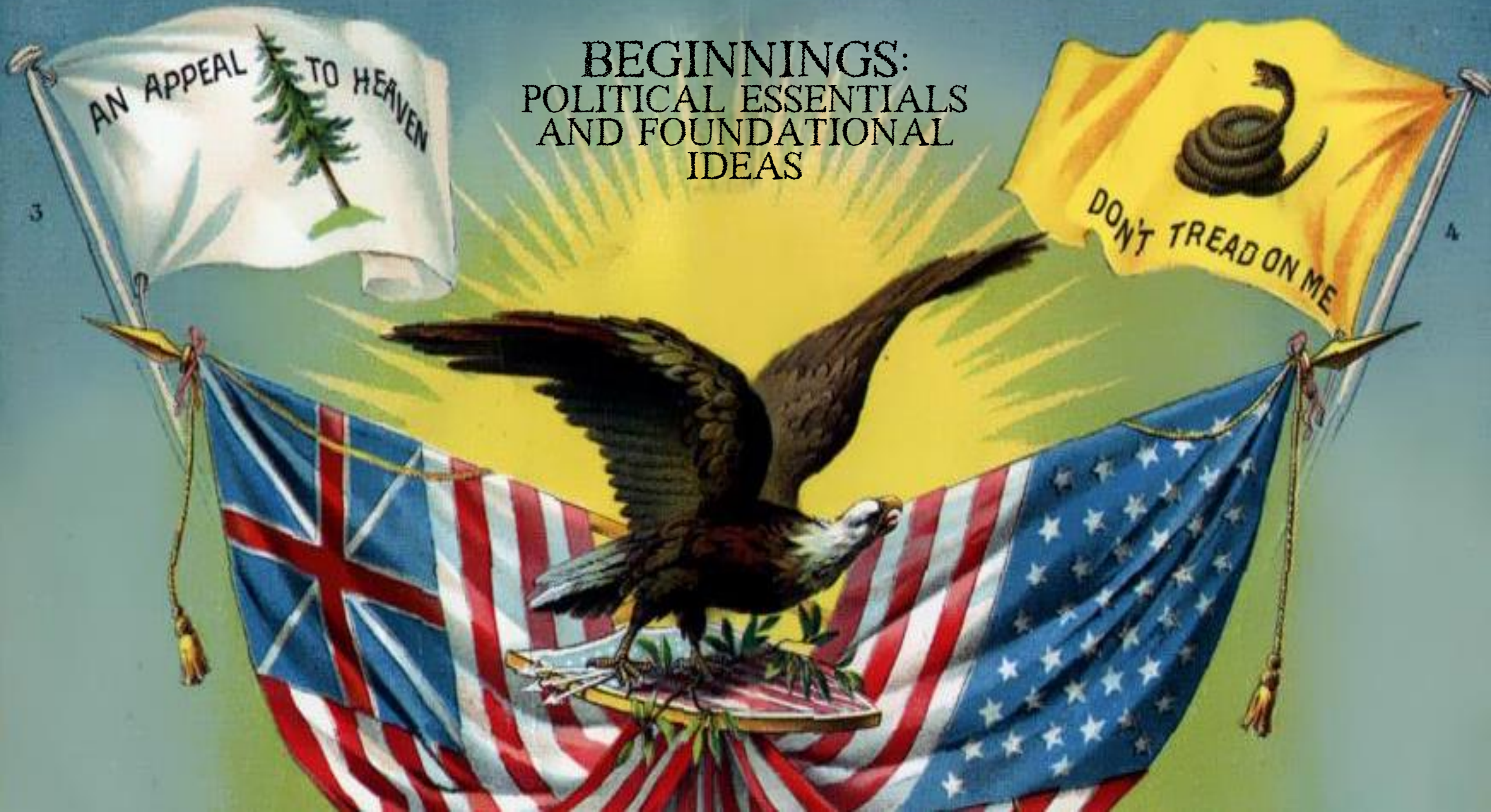
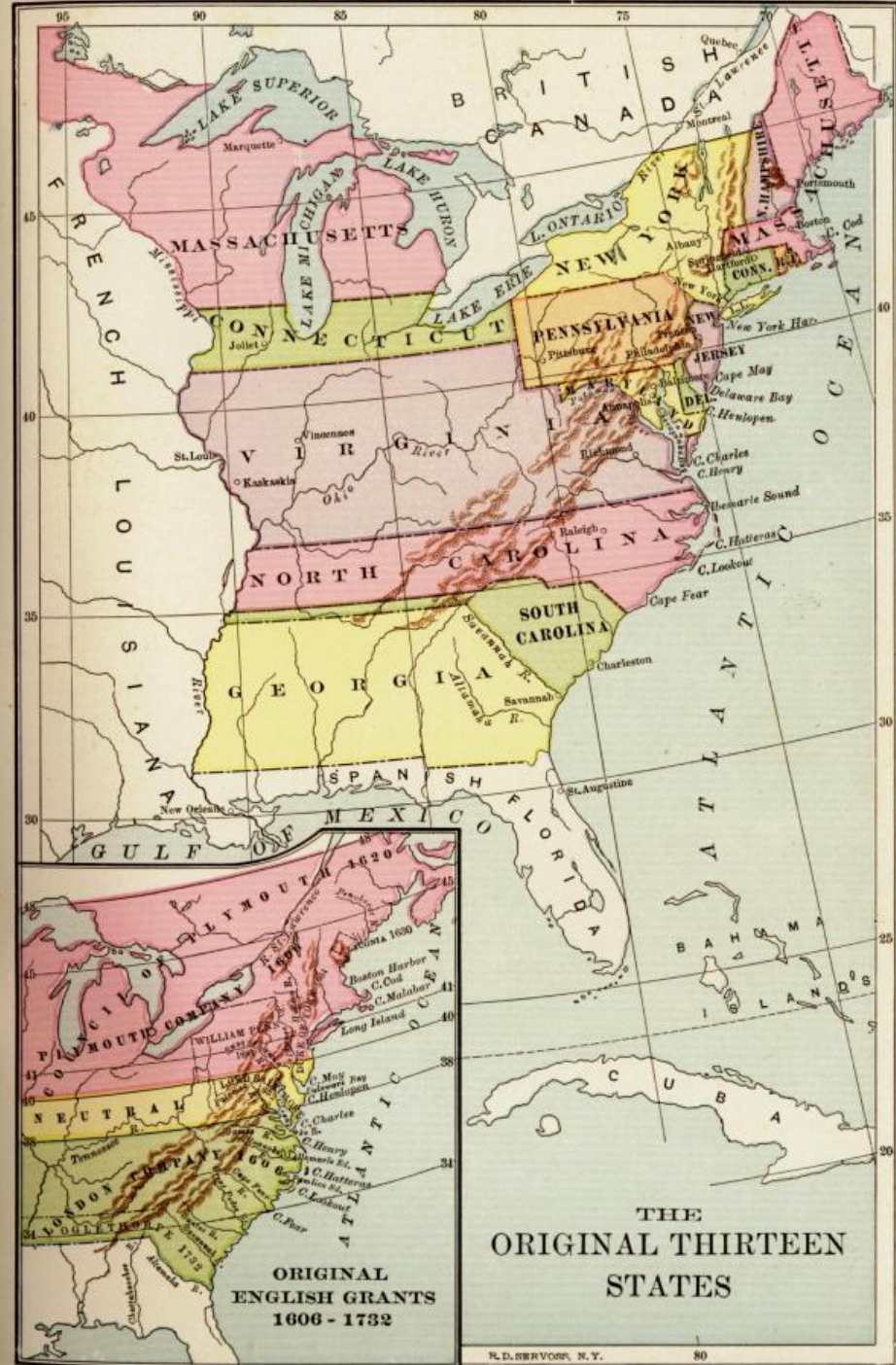


BEGINNINGS:  
POLITICAL ESSENTIALS  
AND FOUNDATIONAL  
IDEAS





THE ORIGINAL THIRTEEN STATES

# JOHN LOCKE

1689

## LOCKE'S SECOND TREATISE ON GOVERNMENT:

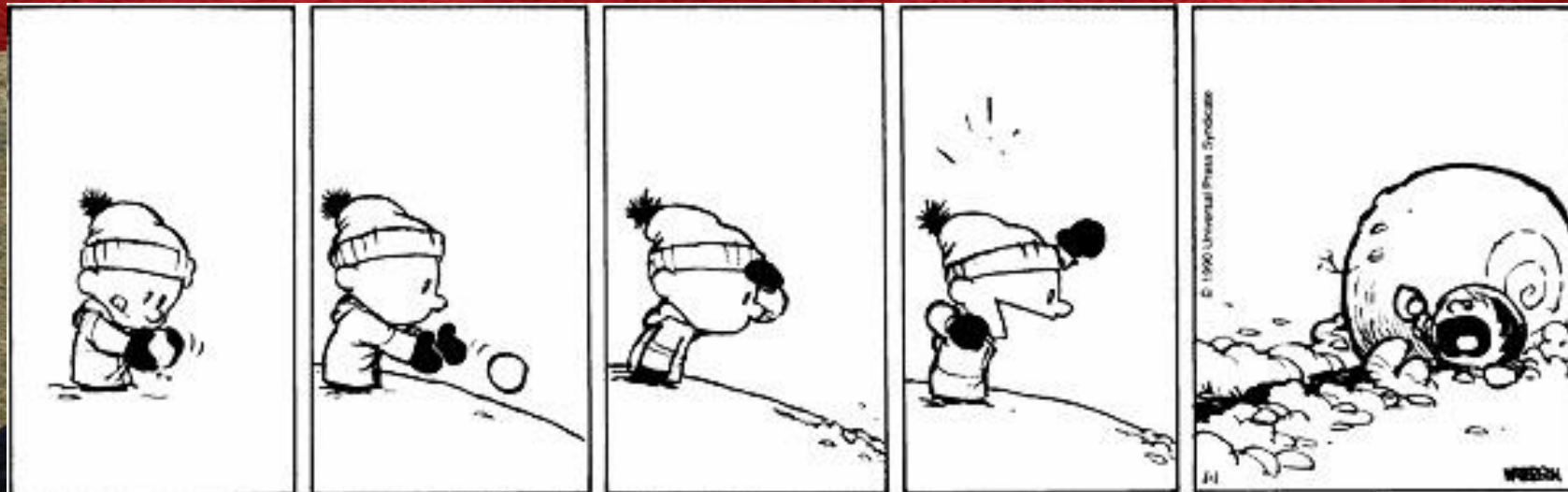
- Natural Rights: Life, Liberty & Property which existed before government
- -Government power is derived from consent of the governed
- Government exists to defend natural rights
- Governments can be replaced if they fail to secure rights or usurp them

# BRITISH LIBERTY

Why did it start to go bad?

*-English Constitution (There wasn't one really...)*

- Collection of laws, charters and tradition that was thought to protect the liberties of British subjects.
- Small violations of liberties by the British government snowballed (You can't get a little bit pregnant)



# MODELS OF DEMOCRACY

## **PARTICIPATORY/DIRECT DEMOCRACY**

a model of democracy in which citizens have the power to decide directly on policy and politicians are responsible for implementing those policy decisions.

**EXAMPLES:** Town hall meetings; State ballot initiatives (Proposal 3)

## **ELITE**

a small number of people, usually those who are wealthy or well-educated, influence political decision-making

**EXAMPLES:** State legislatures selecting senators

## **PLURALISTIC**

No single group dominates politics and organized groups compete with each other to influence policy.

**EXAMPLES:** Special Interest Groups

# NEW GOVERNMENT

## FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES

### \*\*\*LIMITED GOVERNMENT\*\*\*

Government power is defined and restrained by a constitution

### \*\*\*RULE OF LAW\*\*\*

-The state is governed by law, not the arbitrary decisions of individuals-not matter how benevolent the intention.

### \*\*\*FEDERALISM\*\*\*

-Government power is divided between states and the central government to safeguard against tyranny.

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**\*\*\*SEPERATION OF POWERS/CHECKS & BALANCES**

-The three branches are all given specific powers that can be reigned-in by the other branches; this includes the popular will.

**\*\*\*LEGISLATIVE SUPREMACY\*\*\***

-The direct representatives of the people shall be the dominant branch.