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Main questions:

1. Morality and politics/ruler?
2. Ideal state? Ideal system?

Contributors: Machiavelli, Plato, Aristotle,
Hobbes, Mill, etc.

Evolution of Political Thought

- **PLATO:**

- 1) “Republic”, “Politics” book;
- 2) 2) A class division of the society:

Philosopher-king
Citizens
Warriors
Workers, peasants, etc.

Evolution of Political Thought

- **Aristotle:**

- 1) Supported classes;
- 2) A table we use today:
How many people
rule? “Good” or “Bad”
regime?

“Good”	“Corrupted”
monarchy	tyranny
aristocracy	oligarchy
Democracy (*) “polity”	Anarchy/ Democracy
POLITY	

Evolution of Political Thought

- Cicerone:

- 1) Origins of the first state;
- 2) 3 types of power, but all of the are not ideal;
- 3) Ideal form: Roman Republic: mixed: counsels + Senate + People tribunes.

T. Campanella:

“The City of Sun” (“Solaria” – lat.)

- “commune”;
- A perfect generation of its citizens;
- Why citizens are nude;
- Total obligation to work;
- Economy;
- No slavery;
- Why the Sun City is far away?
- The government of Solaria.