

CORE 102 HISTORY & The MODERN WORLD  
THE IDEA OF DEMOCRACY  
ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY  
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#### Paper One

- Class Presentation and Explanation Wednesday, October 1
- Class workshop Friday, October 3
- Draft due (OPTIONAL) Monday, October 6
- Final due Monday October 13 by Midnight.  
(Monday we celebrate the Columbus Day Holiday) Our Class will meet Tuesday

All optional drafts and final versions must be submitted through [Bridges](#).  
If you have an Apple Computer please submit in one of these formats.

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.DOCX  
.PDF

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MY WINDOWS-BASED COMPUTER CANNOT OPEN THAT.**

- I will give a demonstration on using Bridges Friday, October 3

Length: 4 pp. (Minimum—I will be happy to read more)

Question:

What echoes of ideas from Thomas Hobbes' [The Social Contract](#) and John Winthrop's [A Model of Christian Charity](#) seem to have influenced modern ideas of government and human relations with one another, such as those found in [The Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#) or the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child](#)? What form do these "echoes" take, and do they suggest that some of the ideas of modern Democracy are influenced by the thinking of these men and others like them?

The Best Answers Will Accomplish Three Things:

1.The Introduction will include a relatively brief summary the theories and ideas of each author, including your ideas about their views of basic "human nature" and their ideas about society and its purpose which seem to come from those views. It will also identify your objectives: in other words, which specific points you plan to discuss in the body of your paper.

2.The Body will discuss the specific points you presented in your introduction, tying them to specific articles in the UDHR and the CRC. What kind of relationships to you see, and what "rights" seem to relate to Hobbesian or Winthropian ideas? Note: *Don't expect the wording to be exact, or even close. These are "echoes" we're trying to hear.*

3.The Conclusion will summarize your observations in such a way that the reader can see that you've done what you promised to do in the introduction. It will also allow you to make your own observations on the topic: For example, what do you think about the current balance between Hobbes and Winthrop in the societies of today—whether in the United States or abroad? Is it about right, or should the ideas of one be emphasized a bit more?

Remember what Kant said: "*Have the courage to use your own mind.*"

Use ONLY the assigned reading from the weekly course syllabi, or links to resources from the course syllabi. Do NOT use other Outside Sources.