

Social expectations and Political Philosophy between 1450 and 1800

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Identify What You Believe Was the Main Factor in Shaping New Social Expectations Between 1450 And 1800. Explain Your Choice Through Discussion of At Least One Event, One Significant Figure, And One Expectation

The period between 1450 and 1800 was a period of significant growth, development, and transformations which shaped people's social expectations considerably. This period was also referred using a variety of terms including the scientific revolution, the crisis age, or the age of discovery. This period was characterized by immense growth and development in trade, widespread desires and ambitions to explore and conquer new lands and territories, the rise of political and religious powers and disputes, and significant technological advancements as well as advancements in the basic way through which the natural world was perceived and understood. The coming together of these factors kickstarted intellectual development, globalization, considerable transformations, and the advent of crises.

However, despite issues such a climatic change, diseases, famine, plagues, new trades and explorations, and scientific discoveries, war was the major factor that had a considerable impact on how new social expectations were shaped. In particular, the Thirty Years' War had a profound impact on social expectations. Although initially between Catholics and protestants, the war quickly escalated into a destructive conflict that involved many of the sovereign states and great powers of Europe (Grosjean, & Murdoch, 2015). An important and significant figure during this war was the King of France, Louis XIV, who through his abolitionism policy and desire for religious harmony and protestant persecution resulted in other European nations forming an alliance against him. An important social expectation was religious freedom. The end of the war led to the resolution that both Catholics and Protestants were equal before the law, Calvinism was legally recognized, and the separation of religion from the state started in earnest.

What Do You Believe Was the Most Significant Change in Political Philosophy Between 1450 And 1800, And Why? Provide At Least One Political, One Economic, And One Religious Fact to Support Your Argument

One of the most significant changes in political philosophy during this period was the exclusion of the church in politics and state affairs. The age of enlightenment was one of the most important events which greatly shaped political philosophy. The enlightenment opened people to a more rational way of thinking. Martin Luther widely criticized the Catholic church and pointed out various things that he found wanting about the church including issues to do with over indulgence. As a result, people began questioning the power of the Catholic church and this led to the start of Protestantism as King Henry VIII separated from the Roman Catholic church and started the Church of England. The main political result of the enlightenment was the advent of absolutism which entailed rulers adopting forbearance, rationalism, and evolution despite maintaining their absolute power and rule. This happened to both the Catholic as well as the Protestant rulers who adopted the enlightenment philosophies later leading to a separation of the church and the state. The Church's separation from the state had a significant impact on the economic growth and development at the time. Since the reformation period had severely impacted the economy of most nations as a result of numerous wars and violence, the separation of the church from the state led to the end of such wars and so economies flourished.

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