

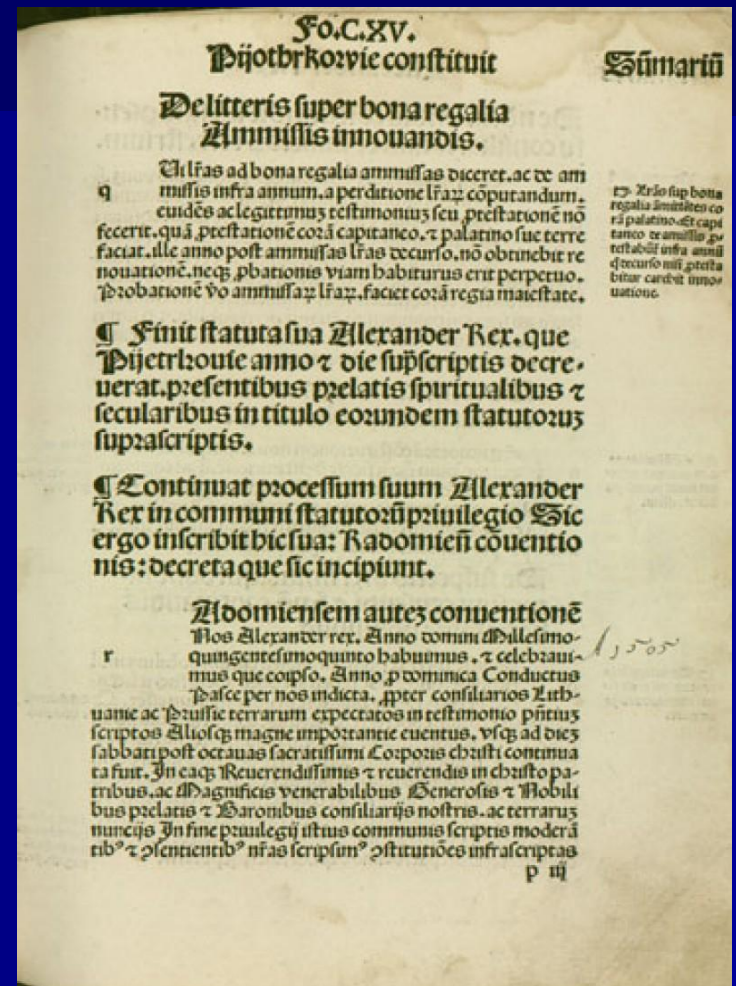
# Human rights

# History

- In the Middle Ages only a few social groups like knights and gentry had various rights.
  - England 1215 Magna Carta (The Great Charter of the Liberties of England).

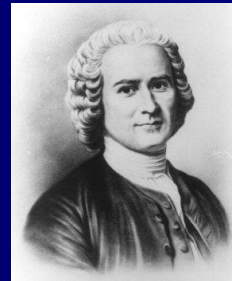


Poland 1430 - the Polish gentry was granted the privilege called *Neminem Captivabimus*, which gave the noblemen more personal freedom and meant that a nobleman could not be arrested without a court verdict.

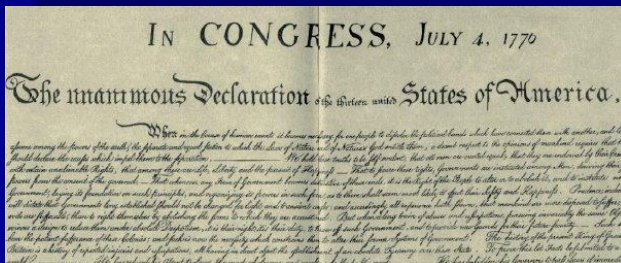


# 18th century

## The Enlightenment concepts



- Montesquieu – the theory of separation of powers (the legislative, the executive and the judicial).
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau – the authority in the state comes from the general will of the people.
- These ideas were adopted in the United States Declaration of Independence (1776) and the Declaration of the Rights of Man and of the Citizen in France (1789).





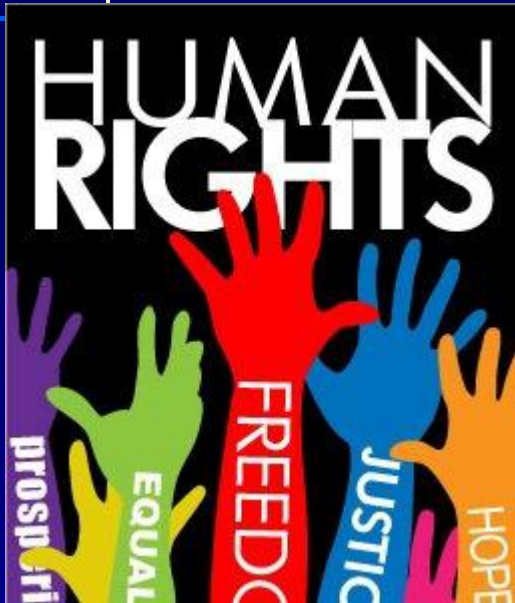
# 20th century



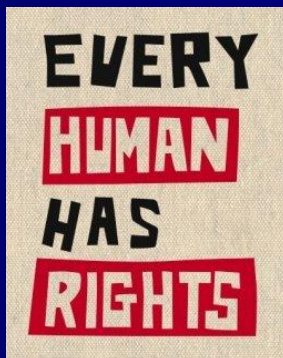
- The modern concept of human rights dates back to the end of the World War II.
- A lot of international organizations were founded (the United Nations, the Council of Europe and later the European Union and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe).



# Present



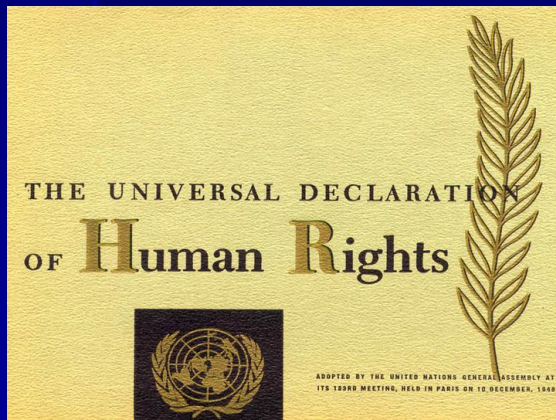
- Human rights started to include all the people from various social groups.
- They stopped being the rights of specific countries only and they have become an international issue.



# The Universal Declaration of Human Rights



- Adopted by the United Nations on 10 December 1948.
- At present it is the basic document which deals with human rights and many contemporary documents are based on it.
- It is based on the essential rights of every human being, the right to life, liberty and equality.





- Despite all the efforts to make people respect the human rights they have been and still are violated
- Millions of people suffer from the violation of their basic rights including tortures, hunger and lack of water.





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