



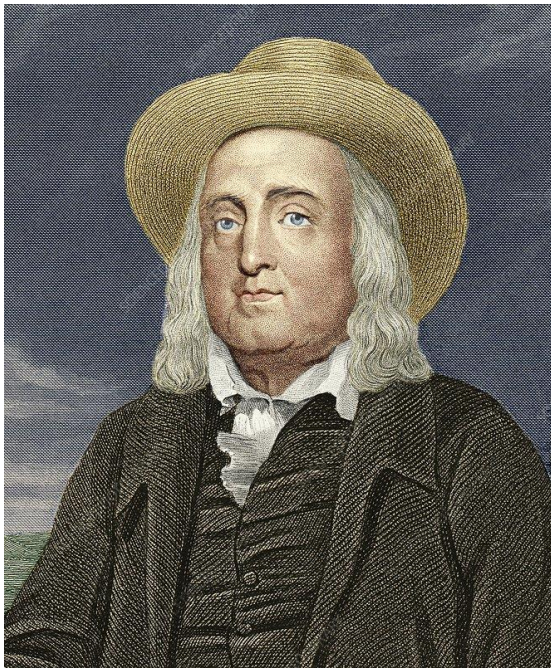
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Utilitarianism and government.

The influence of Jeremy and Samuel Bentham, 1780-1830

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Benthamite Utilitarianism is credited with contributing to the shape of British governmental bureaucracy and parliamentary representation after 1830. Study has adhered to Jeremy Bentham, the principal ideologist, who left a mountain of paper now almost fully published.



Jeremy Bentham

However, his brother, Samuel, Inspector General of Naval Works 1796-1808; Charles Abbot, Speaker of the House of Commons 1803-17; and Mary Sophia Bentham, Samuel's wife, had major parts to play in family support, especially during the persecution of Samuel for his ideas while IGNW. Ironically, however, those ideas were sought for their economy value after 1815 - which permits this talk to argue that Benthamite Utilitarianism influenced government thirty years earlier than has hitherto been assumed.

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