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## What Is A State?



## **As a Young Political Scientist, I will be able to...**

- **Define what a state is**
- **Explain the parts of a state**
- **Draw out the different theories**

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**a. State is often called these**



# Population

**The number of people living in a state.**

**Homogenous Groups-** Members of a group who share customs, language, & ethnic background.



# Territory & Sovereignty

**Territory-** Land with known & recognized boundaries.

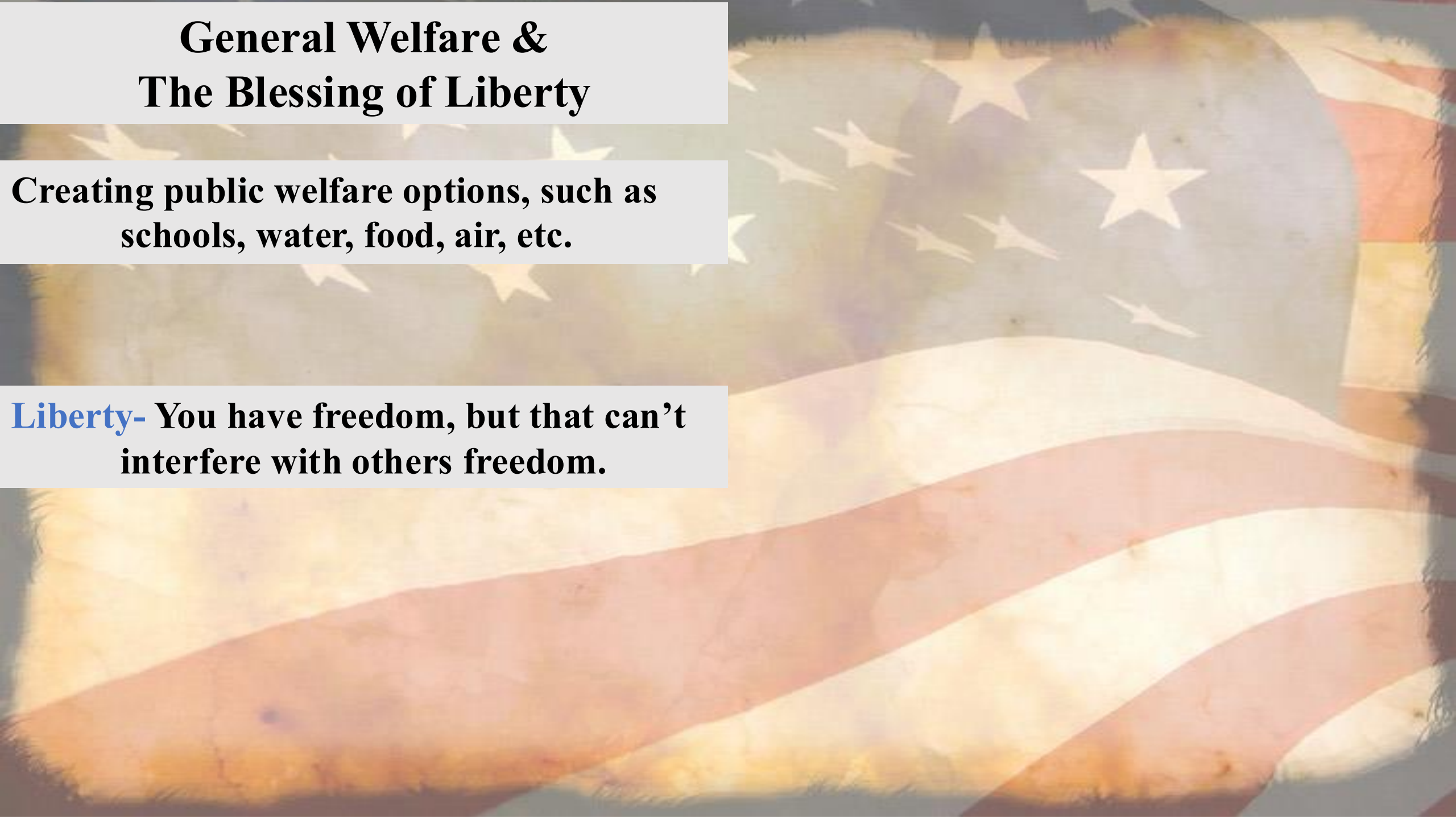
Size can vary just as population.

States are **sovereign-** absolute power within its own territory & decides its own domestic & foreign policies.

# **General Welfare & The Blessing of Liberty**

**Creating public welfare options, such as schools, water, food, air, etc.**

**Liberty-** You have freedom, but that can't interfere with others freedom.





A close-up, artistic rendering of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes in a slightly blurred, painterly style. The stars are white on a blue field, and the stripes are red and white.

# Patriotism

**To preserve & protect the rights of people, each generation must learn & understand our rights.**

**Patriotism** is the love for one's country & being a good citizen.



# **Force Theory**



**People are forced to submit to 1 person, or small group's, rule**

# **Evolutionary Theory**



**Development naturally out of early family.  
Example: Clan-Tribe-state**

# **Divine Rights of King's Theory**



**God created the state & gave those of royal birth a “divine right” to rule.**

***Opposition to rule was treason & a mortal sin.***

# **The Social Contract Theory**



**A social agreement that people give up some power to promote safety & well-being of all**