

Enlightened Arguments

Situation	Enlightened Thinker (that would have disagreed)	Enlightened Thinker's Argument
Louis XIV wanted to be an absolute monarch & centralize all power in himself. He wanted to control every aspect of the French government. He wanted to make laws, judge laws, and enforce laws.		
Henry VIII was tired of the Pope controlling him. So he left the Catholic Church and made himself the head of the Anglican Church. He now controlled the law making in England and the religion of England.		
In France, the 3rd estate wanted a government run by the people. They did not want a strong king. Instead they wanted democracy where the people had a major say in what happened. They believed the people knew what was best.		
A monarch believed that the only person that mattered in decisions was herself. Government was a "1 way street". She wanted to tell the people what she wanted and make them do it. She felt they were not part of the process.		
The kings of England were not respecting the rights of the people. They believed people only had the rights given to them by their government. They did not believe that all people automatically had rights.		
If people spoke out against Peter the Great they were often tortured or jailed. It has been said he even ripped people's nostrils out for daring to speak out against him. People were afraid to speak their mind in Russia.		