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The Most Important Philosopher of the Early Modern Period

Who are the most important philosophers of the early modern period prior to the 19th-century? Rank order the philosophers below in terms of the importance of their contributions.

Only the 10 favorite choices will win the poll.

The poll ends **Wednesday, April 22 2009**. The poll supervisor is Brian Leiter (bleiter@uchicago.edu). Contact the poll supervisor if you need help.

Give each of the following choices a rank, where a smaller-numbered rank means that you prefer that choice more. For example, it would make sense to give your top choice (or choices) the rank 1. You may give choices the same rank if you have no preference between them. You do not have to use all the possible ranks. All choices are initially given the lowest possible rank. **Note:** "No opinion" is *not* the same as the lowest possible rank; it means that you choose not to rank this choice with respect to the other choices.

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Ballot reporting is enabled for this poll. Your ballot (the rankings you assign to candidates) will be made public when the poll is closed. However, your ballot will still be anonymous: no personally identifying information will appear.

Choice	Rank
Rene Descartes	<input type="text" value="1"/>
Immanuel Kant	<input type="text" value="2"/>
David Hume	<input type="text" value="3"/>
Gottfried Leibniz	<input type="text" value="4"/>
Thomas Hobbes	<input type="text" value="5"/>
George Berkeley	<input type="text" value="6"/>
Baruch Spinoza	<input type="text" value="7"/>
John Locke	<input type="text" value="8"/>
Thomas Reid	<input type="text" value="9"/>

to top

move up

make tie

move down

to bottom

As you assign ranks, the choices will remain sorted in rank order. You may assign ranks using either the pulldowns in the Rank column or the buttons above.

Nicolas Malebranche	10
Antoine Arnauld	11
Blaise Pascal	12
Francis Bacon	13
Robert Boyle	14
Michel de Montaigne	15
Samuel Clarke	16
Denis Diderot	28
Étienne Bonnot de Condillac	28
Hugo Grotius	28
Johann Hamann	28
Johann Gottfried von Herder	28
Paul-Henri Thiry (Baron) d'Holbach	28
Salomon Maimon	28
Moses Mendelssohn	28
Henry More	28
Adam Smith	28
Giambattista Vico	28
Christian Wolff	28

Vote!

Read rankings from a saved voting page:

If you have already voted, you may see [the results of the poll](#).