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## **HUMAN FREEDOM: AN ANALYSIS OF THEORY OF JÜRGEN HABERMAS AND JOHN LOCKE**

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### **ABSTRACT**

*Individual political philosophers have attempted to reduce the power of the political system and government and in contrast, to increase the individual liberties. In modern political philosophy, freedom has been elaborated more than other concepts and most political philosophers of different philosophical approaches have attempted to expand individual liberties. One of such philosophers is the John Locke, who has tried in work to design a limited and constitutional government to provide background for individual liberties. Further Experimental knowledge, individualism, tolerance, indulgence and other concepts of philosophical system of John Locke indicate that he intends to expand individual liberties. In the modern era, because of the emergence of totalitarian governments and domination of instrumental reason in the sphere of individual life, human freedom has been faced with major constraints. The dominance of political and economic system has subjected individual freedom to face a crisis. Jürgen Habermas who continuing the tradition of liberalism of John Locke is trying to prepare ground for liberation of individuals from domination of capitalism and the world of contemporary system. This research paper tried to analyze the attempts of these to thinkers as regards freedom and liberation within the framework of liberalism.*

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