

# The Politics of Obedience

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I thought I'd share a 500 year old text from French Judge and writer Etienne de La Boetie with you today.

Before you wander off, thinking this is all completely irrelevant, I urge you to download and read [The Politics of Obedience: The Discourse of Voluntary Servitude](#), as nothing could be more appropriate for the times we are living in.

With an excellent essay introduction from Murray N. Rothbard, and exploring ideas of liberty, authority and Natural Law, as we face ever more authoritarian government, de La Boetie's observations and proposed solutions are vital to understand today.

It's a great translation from the original French and, despite it's age, is surprisingly easy to read.

If you fancy watching an exploration of Boetie's work first, check out this discussion between [James Corbett and Keith Knight](#).

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