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Explain the Macpherson's view on power

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Political Theory: meaning and approaches.

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Possessive individualism

Macpherson's 1962 book argued that seventeenth-century English liberalism assumed the individual as proprietor of his person and capacities.

Extractive versus developmental power

Extractive power takes benefit from others. Developmental power is access to the means of using uniquely human capacities.

Democratic retrieval

Macpherson wanted liberal democracy judged by equal development of capacities, against a purely electoral or market test.

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