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## The English Levellers and Thomas Jefferson (abstrakt):

Many figures among the American Founding Fathers adopted various philosophical arguments that originated in the stormy 17th century English disputes. The American founding debate remains therefore reminiscent of such diverse ideas as coming from Coke, Bacon, Hobbes, Milton, Harrington, Locke and the Levellers. One of the outstanding voices of the foundational period in America was, of course, that of Jefferson. In his complicated political philosophy we find many ideas akin to those that were propagated by the English Levellers a century earlier. Who were the Levellers and what do they have in common with the author of the Declaration of Independence? Why it is important to highlight their heritage in Jeffersonian thought?