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Weapons of the Strong

What is the relationship between weapons and politics? More importantly, how has this relationship been thought? Has it been thought? If so, by whom? And for whom? In this paper I will begin to address the question of weapons — beginning with a working definition -- in the most obvious place: Thomas Hobbes’ *Leviathan*. Surely, Hobbes will tell us everything we need to know and more. Or so we shall see.

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