

UTILITY

“the permanent interests of man as a progressive being” (perfectionism)



LIBERTY

“the only unfailing and permanent source of improvement”

threatened by

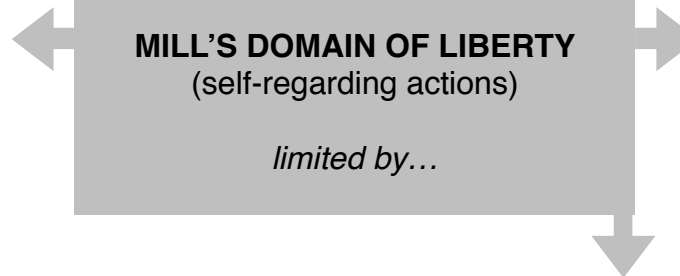
THE TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY



Government Interference

THE HARM PRINCIPLE
(not offence)

guarantees



Prevention of Harm

- poison
- prostitution
- gambling
- alcohol

Freedom of Expression

- Infallibility
- Partial Truth
- Dead Dogma
- Inefficacy

Freedom of Lifestyle / Individuality

- moral education
- genius generates progress
- the individual knows best

vs.

The Despotism of Custom / Conformity

Social Sanctions

“Moral Police”

- eating pork
- working on Sundays
- Mormon polygamy

THE SOCIAL AUTHORITY PRINCIPLE
(other-regarding actions)

Government interference should be minimised:

- individuals often better
- individuals learn by doing
- limits on government