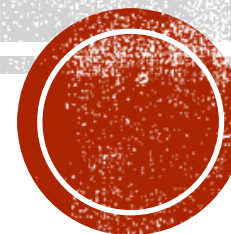


LIBERTY



WHAT IS LIBERATION

- What is your definition of liberation?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ReeSbOEbjCo>



SOME DEFINITIONS...

- Political theory concerned with the liberty or freedom of individuals from state action, and in relation to other people.
- Fundamental concern of liberal political philosophy since 17th and 18th century.
- Defined then as freedoms against the state and the church.

Smits, 2016



- Positive liberty – freedom of individuals to develop their capacities, autonomy and maximise their individual potential, value of collective life in enabling individual liberty
- Criticism – allows state and society control of the individual
- Negative liberty – freedom of individuals from restraints, laws but also pressures of public opinion
- Criticism – does not take into account the different value to us of different freedoms and restraints

Smits, 2016



- A political and intellectual doctrine promoting the ideas of equality of opportunity and the notion that individuals have certain rights
- liberty includes the right to:
 - Have some say in who rule them
 - The right to pursue their own interests
 - The right to achieve happiness
 - As long as it does not deliberately harm others

Holmes 2007



- the process of removing regulations and other restrictions on oppression

Yeates (2008)



- The rights of the individual against the intervention of the state
- All people have certain inalienable rights which can never be taken away in the name of interest of the collective
- Attached to individualism

Beasley (2011)



- John Locke one of the for thinkers of Liberty -
- In the state of nature, liberty consists of being free from any superior power on Earth. People are not under the will or law-making authority of others but have only the law of nature for their rule.

Locke (1689)



TYPES OF LIBERTY

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2GnKGmy3tsY>



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