Utilitarianism: Greatest impediment to Justice

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Abstract

The paper asserts the importance of Justice and certain virtues to a nation's rise and fall and observes greatest impediment of Justice in the idea of Utilitarianism. While Utilitarianism advances its own conception of Justice, based on critical-theoretical approach the article advances three-fold arguments in order to reprove Utilitarianism of its claim. Utilitarianism is not a viable form of Justice since the theory represents a form of egoism, is structurally inconsistent to sound ethical doctrine, and because it has dissolved the end and means dichotomy.

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