A Comparative Analysis of Bentham’s Theory of Utilitarianism and Gross National Happiness Index: An Overview

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Abstract

My Paper addresses and explores Bentham’s Theory Of Utilitarianism as a concept as well as my paper equally focuses on the Concept Of Gross National Happiness Index. Bentham’s Utilitarianism is a general doctrine where the nature and the course of action is evaluated on the basis of consequences. The concept of Utilitarianism defines the course of action as well as the nature of action which can be either positive or negative. The idea of Gross National Happiness Index is primarily to measure the economic and moral development of a Nation. The Objective Of my Paper is To analyze and address whether the ideation of the concept of Bentham’s Utilitarianism has been a practical manifestation in the form of Gross National Happiness Index, to find out whether Bentham’s theory of Utilitarianism has an influence on the Gross National Happiness Index. My objective is to also explore and focus on the parameters and indicators of happiness that sustains general well being of all and contribute to the happiness index. These will be the primary objectives which will be addressed and explored through my Paper.

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