

John Stuart Mill and Gender Violence: weaknesses and strengths of Mill's Thought

Today as yesterday, gender violence continues to be a cancer in society and is one of the principal causes of death and injury to women in the world, according to the latest report from the World Health Organization.

In fact, concern about mistreatment of women is present in Mill's work, showing that when we speak of domestic violence we speak not of a new social phenomenon, of the XXI century, but of an evil silent in private, and silenced in public throughout history.

This article tackles the different dimensions of gender violence, not focused only in the family, and analyses the alternatives—with all their weaknesses and strengths— put forward by John Stuart Mill to eradicate the so-called domestic terrorism of the XIX century. Again liberty and equality must go hand in hand in a democratic state to guarantee the safety of citizens and the full development of their subjective rights.

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