

An approach to veil problem through John Stuart Mill ideas

Using some of Mill principles as autonomy, liberty and individualism and others as impartiality or neutrality I'll show some of problems of relations between State and religion as in the case of the islamic veil problem in France and other countries.

This controversy is framed in a collision between freedom of religion and the preservation of the secularity (laicism) of French schools and the safeguarding of the values of the Republic. The idea of a neutral State with a cultural homogeneity founds his legitimacy on the notion that a secular State is the guarantor of socio-political and cultural cohesion and unity. Multiculturalism and new ways of thinking introduced by migrants are in front of this.

Mill tries to solve some diversity conflicts using his philosophical and political ideas in a coherent way ¿in which sense may impact his thought to solve nowadays conflicts? I'll use mainly some of his ideas in *On Liberty* and in his *Writings on India*.

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