

# **A defence of Mill's principle of liberty in terms of utilitarianism**

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## **Abstract**

The main focus of this Bachelor thesis is the problem of Mill's principle of liberty in terms of his utilitarianism. The thesis introduces Mill's utilitarianism and his teachings about liberty. The aim of this thesis is to present an argument, that Mill's principle of liberty is not contradictory to principle of utility, as the author defines it in his utilitarianism. The aim is to show, that the principle of liberty, as Mill describes it in his work *On liberty*, is an indispensable element in the utilitarian theory of achieving greatest possible good in society. The thesis also explores counterarguments to this idea.

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