

Quiz 1

Answer ONE of the following questions:

1. “If all mankind minus one, were of one opinion, and only one person were of the contrary opinion, mankind would be no more justified in silencing that one person than he, if had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind” (*On Liberty*, ch. 2).

What is Mill’s argument for this claim?

2. “Acts of whatever kind, which, without justifiable cause, do harm to others, may be, and in the more important cases absolutely require to be, controlled by the unfavorable sentiments, and, when needful, by the active interference of mankind. The liberty of the individual must be thus far limited; he must not make himself a nuisance to other people. *But if he refrains from molesting others in what concerns them, and merely acts according to his own inclination and judgment in things which concern himself, ... he should be allowed, without molestation, to carry his opinions into practice at his own cost*” (*On Liberty*, ch. 3).

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