

The Structure of On Liberty

Ch. 1

Problem: What limits may justifiably be imposed on individual freedom?

General solution: The harm principle (HP): Individuals should be allowed to do as they please so long as they don't harm others.

General Consequentialist justification of the HP

Application of the HP

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Re: expression

Re: action tastes pursuits life-style association

Qualification of HP: 'Harm' = violation of another person's rights, or failure to fulfill some social obligation

Illustration through specific examples of how to apply HP

Applying the Harm Principle

