

## MILL ON FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION

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Life

*On Liberty*

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Harm to others  
principle

Free expression

Consequentialism

Cost/benefit  
analysis

## UTILITARIANISM

No appeal to rights

No appeal to  
constitutions

If the arguments of the present chapter are of any validity, there ought to exist the fullest liberty of professing and discussing, as a matter of ethical conviction, any doctrine, however immoral it may be considered.

## PROVOCATIVE QUOTES

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 he had the power, would be justified in silencing mankind.



