

JUST, REASONABLE MULTICULTURALISM

This book explores the main challenges against multiculturalism. It aims to examine whether liberalism and multiculturalism are reconcilable, and what are the limits of liberal democratic interventions in illiberal affairs of minority cultures within democracy, when minorities engage in practices that inflict physical harm and non-physical harm on group members. In the process, this book addresses three questions: whether multiculturalism is bad for democracy, whether multiculturalism is bad for women and whether multiculturalism contributes to terrorism. *Just, Reasonable Multiculturalism* argues that liberalism and multiculturalism are reconcilable if a fair balance is struck between individual rights and group rights. Raphael Cohen-Almagor contends that reasonable multiculturalism can be achieved via mechanisms of deliberate democracy, compromise and, when necessary, coercion. Placing necessary checks on groups that discriminate against vulnerable third parties, the approach insists on the protection of basic human rights as well as on exit rights for individuals if and when they wish to leave their cultural groups.

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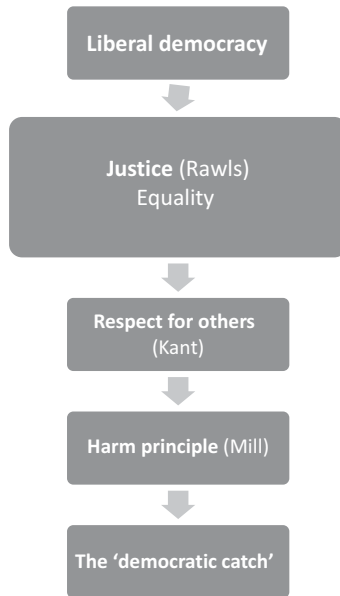
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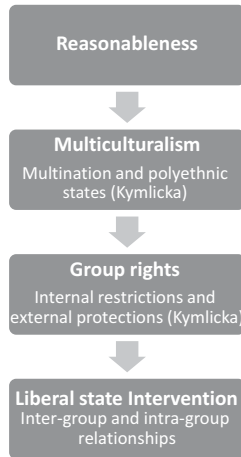
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Theory of Just, Reasonable Multiculturalism

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2.



3.

Compromise
 Principled and tactical



Deliberative democracy
 (Habermas)

4.

Coercion
 Circumstantial and person-based
 Benevolent and malevolent
 Paternalistic
 Via third party
 Self- and other-regarding
 Internalized and designated
 Minority and majority

5.

Physical and non-physical harm
 Freedom of religion and freedom from religion
 Public v. private
 Parenthood
 Balancing