

ANIMAL RESEARCH IN DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY: BALANCING GOODS AND REFORMING PRACTICES

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The moral and political implications of animal research in a democratic society

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Democracy as a pluralistic form of life

- Beyond Democracy as a representative system
- Democracy as a form of life
- Democratic values (freedom, equality...)
- Democracy and self-development

Self-reflecting democracy

- 20th Century Democracy: activism and self-reflective Democracy
- Democratic form of life: inquisitive and progressive
- Democratic «contaminations» of society

Animal advocacy as a democratic good

- Anti-speciesism and democratic values
- Animal advocacy and advancement of democracy
- Animal advocacy as a democratic good

Science as a democratic good

- Science, human civilization and democracy
- Science and democratic flourishing
- Animal research as a part of contemporary scientific enterprise

Pluralism and competing goods

- The grammar of democratic conflict:
 - 1) Conflict and dissent are essential for democracy
 - 2) Democratic institutions have the duty to take care of conflicts and promoting reforms
 - 3) Conflicting parties have duties about their participation in the public space

Reforming animal research as a democratic duty

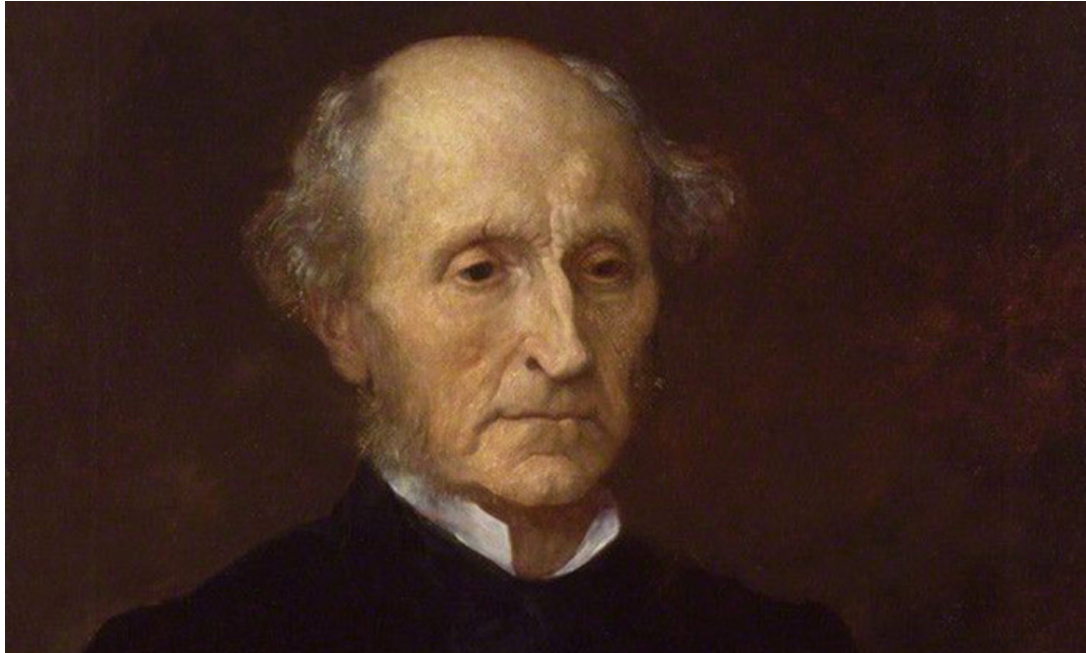
- Managing pluralism and dissent
- The tension between conflict and reconciliation
- Reform as a resolution of conflicts

Sticking debates to reality

- Confrontation of opinions by individuals/groups in the public sphere
- The grammar of democracy and the duty of truthfulness
- «Defending» *real* science
- Taking the risk of reality



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