

Feb 9, 2005 – John Stuart Mill (Readings M)

Laissez fair – “let it be” no interference government

Forms of interference (2)

Arguments against interference (4): - too much gov't power can be tyrannical
- too large centralized of a gov't can be inefficient

exceptions (3): A. elementary education
 B. –funding scientific/technological research
 -poor laws

Education

-gov't should pay for education, should not be limited to upper class
-what happens in the schools shouldn't be determined by the government
 >similar to U.S. (local school boards, etc.)

“elementary education”

-basic needs of education
-by high school, everything has become ‘supplementary’

work conditions – with increased education, people will understand what is going on
(poor work conditions, unfair treatment, etc.)

W/ Small Gov't-

-competition/privatization
 > lower cost
 > more efficient gov't

W/ Large Gov't-

-quality decreases

*M2 (Section 2) M3 – “There is, or ought to be, some space in human existence this entrenched around, and sacred from authoritative intrusion, no one who professes the smallest regard to human freedom or dignity will call in question: the point to be determined is, where the limit should be placed; how large a province of human life this reserved territory should include. I apprehend that it ought to include all that part which concerns only the life, whether inward or outward, of the individual, and does not affect the interests of others, or affects them only through the moral influence of example.”