



On Liberty: A Classic Philosophical Work

By John Stuart Mill

Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 254 x 178 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.THE COMPLETE CLASSIC On Liberty by John Stuart Mill. John Stuart Mill opens his essay by discussing the historical struggle between authority and liberty, describing the tyranny of government, which, in his view, needs to be controlled by the liberty of the citizens. He divides this control of authority into two mechanisms: necessary rights belonging to citizens, and the establishment of constitutional checks by which the consent of the community, or of a body of some sort, supposed to represent its interests, was made a necessary condition to some of the more important acts of the governing power. Because society was in its early stages-subjected to such turbulent conditions (i.e. small population and constant war), it was forced to accept rule by a master. However, as mankind progressed, it became conceivable for the people to rule themselves. Mill admits that this new form of society seemed immune to tyranny because there was no fear of tyrannizing over self. Despite the high hopes of the Enlightenment, Mill argues that the democratic ideals were not as easily met as expected. First,...



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