

Philosophy in a democratic society

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Abstract

First of all, we must consider that the philosophical thought is a human necessity. We can find this necessity through the questions have requested to find a relationship or an interpretation, or a search for meaning beyond the given fact.

The philosophical thought is different from historical era to another, and from society to other, depending on the cultural, and political situation, and depending on the questions are being raised by the philosophers and thinkers in a society, and the problems to be solved as appropriate for the reality, values, needs, and the interests of a society. So the philosophical thought can't be separable, in any case, the social structures and science movement and its progress. For this we have tried in this paper to address the relationship between philosophy and democracy.

Many recent philosophers and thinkers raised several questions about the relationship between philosophy and democracy, such as, is philosophy working on the development of democratic values within societies? Is philosophy contributing to make policy more rational so that it affects the society as a whole, or that philosophy sometimes contributes to irrational, inadequate, ineffective democracy, serves the purposes of specific ideologies and polices? Is it possible to have a philosophy of its own autonomy, it separates from any political or religious institutions?