

# Issues with Utilitarianism

- Fails to respect individual/minority rights
- Not necessarily possible to aggregate everything into dollar values
- Should different people's desires be valued higher (if they are higher pleasures)?
  - Bentham would say no - all people's desires should be judged equally (this is egalitarian and non judgemental)
  - On the other hand, it feels like some pleasures like the desire for violence should be weighted lower than others
- John Stuart Mill tried to "humanize" utilitarianism (by respecting individual rights and distinguishing between higher and lower pleasures)
  - He thought that if someone experienced two pleasures and preferred one of them, that is the higher pleasure