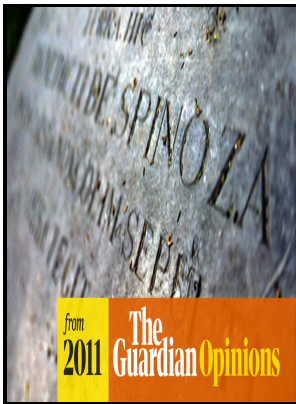


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Spinoza's philosophy is, in one sense, thoroughly or necessitarian. And just as the individual ought to do those things that maximize his or her own power or welfare, Spinoza takes it as axiomatic that the state ought to do those things that maximize the power of the people as a whole. In contrast to our retention of the natural rights to property expressed through civil laws, we do not retain our right to punish the transgressors of property rights according to Locke.

Spinozism

His conception of democracy includes any system of popular governance in which the governing members acquire the right to participate by virtue of their civil status rather than by election.

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We can understand this to say that a state that is ordered so as to promote the common good, and thereby the well-being or the capability of its citizens makes for a greater aggregated capability. Whereas the E provides us 'in the manner of geometry' with a metaphysics, a philosophy of mind, and a moral psychology, the TTP offers a philosophical analysis of theology and the foundations of politics. E1D3 This means, essentially, that substance is just whatever can be thought of without relating it to any other idea or thing.

Spinoza: Political Philosophy, Misc

Yitzhak Melamed and Michael Rosenthal, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 210 — 230.

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This institutionalized power can also be referred to as law, that is, human law. In short, the collectivist can embrace the normative primacy of the individual human being.

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But, as Diderot himself admits, they have a problem in accounting for why people seem to naturally regard some pleasures as preferable to others. Velthuisen, in his later writings, criticized Spinoza heavily. In reference to the mind-body problem of Descartes: We are simply to see the human mind as one mode, the body as another.

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As often in Spinoza, we have here the choice between a minimal and a maximal interpretation. Reviewed by Wiep van Bunge, Erasmus University Rotterdam Baruch or Benedict de Spinoza is best known for two books: the *Ethica E*, completed in 1675 but only published in his *Opera Posthuma* of 1677; and the *Tractatus theologico-politicus TTP*, published anonymously in 1670. Note that contracts as such were only introduced as a symbolism or ideology to keep the disruptive effects of appetite in check.

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