

A criticism of Feyerabend's utopian society and Considerations on Democratic Relativism

In *Against Method* and especially *Science in a Free Society*, having criticized science in order to remove it from a position of authority, presenting remarks about incommensurability Feyerabend eventually posed his utopian society: Free Society, which consists of several different principles including the one which “A free society cannot be based on any particular creed; for example, it cannot be based on rationalism or on humanitarian considerations.” (SFS, p.30) Firstly, in this paper I will attempt to show the one is in direct contradiction to other principles he claims that a “Free Society” can have.

In the same direction, furthermore, I'm going to discuss the reason why Feyerabend mentioned the film “The Tenth Victim” in speaking of his utopia in “Science in a Free Society”. (SFS, p. 132) No writer before me has to my knowledge gone on to this. The film is based on an unexamined, extravagant theory. So as to avoid big wars in years to come, the Big Hunt gives individuals with violent tendencies a chance to kill in. Delivering a lecture to other participants, one of those who has a position of power in the Big Hunt says “if in 1940 the Big Hunt had existed, Hitler would've been a member and we could have avoided WWII.” In this paper, I shall try to show a study of history, such, at least, is my opinion, would never confirm the validity of the Big Hunt theory which is the key to Feyerabend's Free Society's Subsociety. It is *de facto* next to impossible to come true the dream. Finally, it will be presented considerations about his **Democratic Relativism**, the extent to which it is consistent with Mill's liberalism, which is the bedrock of the free society.

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