

RIGHTS (FREEDOMS) HANG TOGETHER

Whereas ^{the classical liberals} ~~some scholars~~ believe ^d that freedom of thought and the civil liberties come before the freedom to participate in political affairs, others ^{have} ~~take~~ the contrary stand. Actually all these freedoms hang together. One cannot secure civil liberties except by political action, and one cannot have free access to politics unless one enjoys all civil liberties. Wherever participation in politics is restricted to members of a party, freedom of thought is at best limited to the party members. Wherever civil liberties are curtailed, participation in political affairs is either innocuous or aimed at securing oppression.

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