

Further Reflections on Tolerance and its Difficulty

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Abstract: Revisits the account of tolerance offered in the author's paper, "The Difficulty of Tolerance", and takes up some questions left open in that paper. That paper argued that we have reasons to care about the public culture of the societies we live in, and that tolerance is difficult to accept because it requires us to permit behavior that can change that culture in ways we have reason not to want. The present paper considers more fully what reasons we have for caring about this, and whether they entail reasons to resist immigration because of the cultural changes it would involve. It also considers the range of persons to whom duties of tolerance are owed.

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