TWO CONCEPTS OF LIBERTY, Isaiah Berlin

Intellectual history (also the history of ideas) is the study of the history of human thought and of intellectuals, people who conceptualize, discuss, write about, and concern themselves with ideas. The investigative premise of intellectual history is that ideas do not develop in isolation from the thinkers who conceptualize and apply those ideas; thus the intellectual historian studies ideas.

John Rawls (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy) Mar 25, 2008 · Rawls was born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland. His father was a prominent lawyer, his mother was a chapter president of the League of Women Voters. Rawls studied at Princeton and Cornell, where he was influenced by Wittgenstein's student Norman Malcolm; and at Oxford, where he worked with H. L. A. Hart, Isaiah Berlin, and Stuart Hampshire.


Liberalism (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy) Nov 28, 1996 · Isaiah Berlin famously advocated a negative conception of liberty: I am normally said to be free to the degree to which no man or body of men interferes with my activity. Political liberty in this sense is simply the area within which a man can act unobstructed by others. ‘Two Concepts of Liberalism,’ Ethics, 105: 516–34

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