

Questions on Kekes, *Against Liberalism*, chapter 2

Note: you may skip section 2.3 of chapter 2.

1. What, according to Kekes, is Liberalism's positive aim? What is its negative aim?
2. Why does Kekes think these aims are inconsistent? (Focus on what he says before he considers liberal responses.)
3. What is a specific example Kekes gives or might give where (he would say) enhancing one or more of "pluralism, freedom, rights, equality, and distributive justice" might make evil more prevalent?
4. Liberals' "second answer," that is, the second way they might show their aims to be consistent, is to assert that people are "not moral monsters but moral idiots." What does this mean?



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