

Ragione pubblica, esenzioni e *civility*

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Public Reason, Exemptions, Civility

Abstract: After summarizing the major arguments of Valentina Gentile's *Libertà con le religioni*, three critical remarks are raised: the first concerns conscientious objection and religious exemptions which Gentile argues can be justified within the structure of political liberalism and which I hold have no general justification, but can in case be accepted on a contextual basis, given certain qualifications of the claims. The second remark relates to whether religious arguments can be introduced in public reasons, a view that Gentile supports with some specifications. While I do not contest the point, I raise some questions as to how the argument is presented. Finally, I contend that civility is a virtue that displays its positive potentiality not to overcome disagreement and conflict, but only on the background of shared network of rules and norms. If the latter are not shared, or if they are contested, then civility shows to be exclusive of groups not belonging to the cultural and moral majority.

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