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Q2(b)

**Rawls' idea of the 'liberal self' is too individualistic. Explain, in this context, the communitarian critique of Rawls' theory of justice**

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · PSIR GS 1 · 15 marks · Justice

Justice: Conceptions of justice with special reference to Rawl's theory of justice and its communitarian critiques.

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**Original position**

Hypothetical situation in which parties choose principles of justice behind a veil of ignorance.

**Sandel, 1982**

Liberalism and the Limits of Justice is the main statement that **Rawls's** self is unencumbered.

**Walzer, 1983**

Spheres of Justice argues that criteria of justice follow social meanings, not one original-position metric.

**Political Liberalism, 1993**

**Rawls's** recasting of justice as a political conception for constitutional citizens.

**Articles 25 to 30**

Indian group and religion rights that treat persons as members, not only as abstract choosers.

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