

Uighur Re-education and Freedom of Conscience
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What do you find most objectionable about the program of “thought transformation” and re-education in Xinjiang?

The concept of a universal human right that is inherent to each person on the grounds of basic human dignity inevitably conflicts with our common convictions concerning the primacy of state sovereignty. Why should we consider freedom of conscience to be a fundamental right worthy of being upheld regardless of what individual states might hold? What does freedom of conscience mean, practically, for individuals?

Explain the differences between the various moral defenses of the freedom of conscience (effectiveness, epistemic humility, Rawls, Mozi)? Which do you find most persuasive? Why?