

Opposition vs. Prohibition: Should Iceland Ban Circumcision
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What does the idea of body integrity say about circumcision? Do you find the argument compelling?

Do you agree with the author that there is a difference between the religious practice of circumcision and the hypothetical religious practice of removing an infant's small toe? Why can (or why can't) the state ban one practice and not the other?

Why is it "misguided for the state to force everyone to behave in accordance with just one of the multiple positions on circumcision that are open to reasonable, well-informed people"? Why doesn't this reasoning similarly hold for seat-belt laws or K-12 state-mandated education?

Do you agree with the author's position in favor of regulation of the circumcision procedure and against Iceland's prohibition? Why or why not?