

# Difference & Recognition

Political Science

How political theory handles cultural and group difference.

## Difference-blind

- Same rules for everyone
- Culture is a private matter
- Avoids the state ranking cultures
- Risks entrenching majority norms as neutral

## Recognition

- Some group-specific accommodation
- Identity has public significance
- Corrects for majority defaults
- Risks entrenching group boundaries

### THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

Neutrality is itself contested: the default rules were shaped by some group's practices, not by nobody's.

Educational reference. The internal minorities problem asks who protects individuals within accommodated groups.