

## **SECURITY, EQUALITY, IMPARTIALITY, AND BENTHAM'S DICTUM**

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A brief discussion of the sense in which Bentham's system supports the individual within the societal and political realm, without resorting to equality as a foundational principle (security trumps equality, when the two are in opposition), and of the manner in which Bentham's so-called dictum has been misinterpreted, weighing on the sense in which we understand the role of impartiality in Bentham's system. For Mill, it would seem, Bentham's dictum served as an explanation of the principle of utility in respect of impartiality and equality; but for Bentham, what others called the 'dictum' may have simply been a statement of the limitations of the principle of utility.