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**Core Idea**

In this article, writer said the communitarianism is contrasted with social democracy. As Aristotelian point of view about communitarianism was;

- 1) Individuals have rights
- 2) These rights are natural, not merely legal or conventional
- 3) These rights forbid any sacrifice of the individual's interests to the interests of the community
- 4) The state has an obligation to respect and protect these rights
- 5) In order to secure these rights, the state's constitutional structure should be arranged so as to provide checks on governmental power
- 6) Legitimate political authority rests on the consent of the governed; and
- 7) A government that fails to respect the rights of its citizens may legitimately be overthrown

Writer quoted Miller who said that these attributes are much stronger if we attach them with modern liberal theories. However, writer argued that history of practicing these attributes is not existed. Same like, if we say that theories of Marxism are more related to the human psychology and based on truth, and we also say that western societies are experiencing from isolated individualism, but we cannot follow these theories. Similarly, Aristotelian communitarianism of liberalism is not able to practice.

As members of social liberal democracies do not share their religious or traditional ideas with each other, followers of Marxism also have no concern with other's culture. So, we can say that liberal society is in fact a narrative society. And, this is first communitarianism critique of liberalism. Second criticism is, how people are strange with each other in modern societies when if, their parents were friend and lived in same society. Similarly, third criticism is on liberal idea on voluntary association which is unable to understand. Liberalism express associative tendencies along with dissociative tendencies, this is unnatural. Writer quoted Rawls who said that a liberal society is a social union of social unions which theoretically share ideas of toleration and democracy, but a larger union must be weak if its leaders or officials got failure in attaining their interests.

In the end, writer presented his own views during comparing communitarian and liberal critics on each other and argued that liberalism is going towards instability and dissociation, it requires periodic communitarian correction. And, Rawls's concept of UNION OF SCOAIL UNIONS reflects and builds its earlier correction of this kind.

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Research Methodology

In this article, writer used theoretically descriptive, comparative and qualitative method. Firstly, he presented theories about communitarianism and liberalism. Secondly, he compared both the theories and presented his criticism on qualitative approach.

Personal Views

As communitarianism is a relation among individual and society within a geographical location, I personally support Aristotelian communitarianism because at any end, his presented attributes never contradicted with individual liberty. And, we know that absolute liberty is always become a reason of anarchy in any society. Similarly, Aristotle preferred natural laws which are actually universal laws; universally accepting in each society. Communitarianism is not Communism. Communitarianism is a socio-political structure, rather than an economic theory. In fact, in modern world, its example is Singapore which is almost a Capitalist country but has been within the context to manage outperforming as compare to all of its neighboring countries regarding quality of life, budget and finance utilization and transparency. Thus, whatever has been defined by Aristotle about Athenian socio-political system of his age, is being reflected from the socio-political system of Singapore during 21st century.