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EXCLUSIONS BASED ON INTOLERANCE:
ON JUSTIFICATIONS IN DEMOCRATIC DEBATE
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There is much discussion by political theorists about what claims can be legitimately made in a democracy. Theorists have suggested various restrictions, often on religious reasons or comprehensive doctrines, claiming that citizens must focus on either secular or political reasons to support their arguments. I argue that restrictions should be made only against specific intolerant claims, thus allowing most arguments, even those based on tolerant comprehensive doctrine, in debate.