Questions on Waldron, The Harm in Hate Speech, Ch. 4.

- 1. On Waldron's view, what is it that people in a well-ordered society need assurance of, and from whom do they need it?
- 2. Waldron thinks hate speech has two points or aims. What are they?
- 3. 'As long as the government *actually* prevents or punishes, for example, racial discrimination and violence, it does not need to also prevent or punish expressions of racism (that are not, in the circumstances in which they are expressed, incitement to immediate lawless action).' What is Waldron's response?
- 4. A common objection to hate speech laws is that they are inevitably over-broad: any law that would criminalize expressions of hate towards African-Americans, Jews, homosexuals, and so on, would also make some of what Malcolm X or Martin Luther King, Jr. said illegal. What do you think?



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