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The “Underside” of freedom in the modern world

The analysis of the philosophical thought concerning the problem of the controversial nature of freedom reveals that throughout history freedom has always been described through oppositions, in which its positive traits has been connected with its drawbacks. It is stated that freedom plays not only constructive, but also destructive role in the social world. According to the text the destructive component is undoubtedly secondary to the constructive one. But it does exist and due to the accelerating dynamics of innovations it becomes quite tangible. The possibilities of freedom to act as a factor of social and economic inequality, of its capacity to become the most important condition of approval of the system of technological dominance and economic superiority of the “Golden Billion” countries in process of contemporary globalization are disclosed.

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