This research work is an attempt to explore and analyse the moral relation between ‘ends and means’. The terms ‘ends’ and ‘means’ are explained as having a necessary relation in the sense that there cannot be an end without the means to achieve it. The morality of ends and means therefore demand a discussion of end and the appropriate means to achieve it. Philosophers have dealt with the relation of ends and means however, in a cursory manner to the extent that they have not directly investigated it. The scattered indulgence by philosophers over time has ended up as a debate into the maxim ‘end justifies the means’, which has now ended up more as an ideological debate. The thesis is an attempt to delve deep into the evolution of the debate through its various phases leading to the contemporary ideological controversy between the Liberals and the Marxists. The thesis is an attempt to consolidate the fragments of work on ends and means through the history of philosophy and bring the contemporary debate on the issue into the correct perspective.

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