

RIGHTS, NEEDS, DESERT

Whereas libertarians put the emphasis on desert^{entitlement} and rights (particularly property rights), radical egalitarians put it on needs. In our view rights, desert and needs are mutually complementary not exclusive. Indeed, we assert the principles

Every person has a right to satisfy his ^{basic} ~~needs~~ ^{and legitimate aspirations.}

* Every person has a right to occupy the position he deserves by virtue of his special competence (skill, knowledge, good judgment, etc.).

Every person has a right to expect others to concern themselves for the satisfaction of his needs and legitimate aspirations.

* All persons deserve^{and are even entitled to,} being treated equally with regard to their basic needs.

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