

## RIGHTS: 4 KINDS

There are four basic kinds of right or liberty: biological, economic, cultural, and political. Each such right is the freedom to participate in (or have access to) the corresponding system or, equivalently, to become a relatum in the relations that characterize the structure of the given system. Thus a biological right, such as the right to eat, keep warm, or reproduce, is the same as the freedom to have access to food, clothes, and sexual partners respectively. An economic right, such as the right to work, to buy food, or to own a house, is the same as the possibility of access to the economic system. A cultural right, such as the right to receive an education, to hold religious beliefs, or to engage in inquiry, amounts to freedom to participate in the cultural system. And a political right, such as the right to militate in a political

party, to vote or be voted for, is the same as freedom to participate in the political system.

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