

## **Rights**

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What is Freedom and what are your rights?

A right is something God gives to you; it's innate, only another man can take this away. I'm amazed that people struggle with the distinction between a right and a need or a want, because it is really simple.

A right is your value. It is your life and what you earn with that life. No man should ever be allowed to touch neither you nor your value; it's yours and yours alone. This includes your body and mind as well as your labor.

What isn't your right; is the value of another. Does a teacher owe a pupil? Does a doctor owe a patient? Does a businessman owe an employee? Does a taxpayer owe a bureaucrat? It is not anyone's right to the body, mind, or labor of others.

A government's main role is simply an agreement amongst men that we will recognize one another's rights, we will not intrude on those rights, and we will put into place a system to ensure those rights. In fact, this is pretty much what the US Constitution spells out.

A government can provide productive functions such as infrastructure and national sovereignty, however, our government has well overstepped its bounds and our rights.

Freedom is about owning your own life, labor, and decisions.

Given freedom, education is a right if you choose to educate yourself and Health Care is a right to purchase through mutual consent the technology and knowledge of others.

When given a chance, although often inequitable as some believe, freedom has constantly given this world its best chance of moving out of poverty and improving a society's quality of life.

Socialism is man by force taking the efforts and labors of an individual and giving those efforts to other men for whatever reasons, public good we are told. The successful are chosen top-down by those in government. = OPPRESSION.

Capitalism does not ensure health care or education, but it provides opportunity, and does not allow any man to take your efforts. The successful are chosen bottom-up from the consumer. = FREEDOM