Getting Social Justice Right

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1. Deficiencies of the leading Left and Right-leaning theories.
   a. Rights-based, Nozick
   b. Utility-based, Hayek
   c. Rawlsian-based, Nussbaum

2. “Social Justice” as originally developed
   a. Taparelli
   b. What are Societies?
   c. What is Justice?
   d. Why Social?

3. Natural Law account of property
   a. Intrinsic relationship
   b. Order and incentives given human nature
   c. Property duties
   d. Market economies

4. Government
   a. Primary task: Human rights and rule-of-law
   b. Secondary task: welfare
   c. Three principles for government aid
      i. Ends: promote intelligible goods
      ii. Means: respect civil society
      iii. Incentives: perverse, rent-seeking

5. 6 Institutions of Social Justice
   a. The State’s Primary Function: Protecting Human Rights and Rule of law
   b. Market Economies, Knowledge, Price Signals
   c. Marriage and the Family
      i. Intrinsic good of marriage between husband and wife, and connection between children and their mom and dad. Respecting that sphere of authority
      ii. Instrumental because provides best outcomes for kids
   d. Education
      i. Intrinsic good of knowledge
      ii. Instrumental because prepares for jobs
   e. Religious and Other Charitable Orgs
i. Intrinsic good of religion and societies
ii. Instrumental--they do a better job

f. The State as Welfare/Redistribution
   i. Ends
   ii. Means
   iii. Incentives

6. Applications
   a. Health
   b. Education
   c. Welfare

Recommended readings:


