

## 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:**

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