

## PRINCIPLE OF JUSTICE IN RELATION TO FREEDOM

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The problem of justice is extremely important nowadays because global society is transforming rapidly and all the traditional social links and relations are changing too. In this situation social communication and fruitful cooperation requires equal access of all the people to the informational and power “resources” and protection of human rights more than ever. The only legal background of this could be freedom which includes the wide range of social responsibilities.

The principle of justice can be described as the moral obligation to act on the basis of fair settlement between competing claims. In humanities and social studies justice is defined as equality, fair judgement, civilized life conditions or defend of human dignity.

*Justice as Equality* includes the idea that everyone should get same rights and obligations, despite of their race, sex, social class. This is the widest context of interpretation of justice.

*Need-Based equality* means that everyone shouldn't get the same because we aren't the same. This approach considers our uniqueness and minimizes protective functions of a state. The original understanding of Justice was proposed by John Rawls: *justice as fairness*. Inequality is justified only if they make the worst-off as well-off as possible.

*Merit-based Justice*: giving inequally is based on what each person deserves, based on what they have done. So this approach provides rewards to hard workers and punishment to trouble makers. This position is represented by Robert Nozick: giving the same thing to everyone is not fair to the ones working hard.

Justice and freedom are the two sides of the same coin. Respectful attitude to human freedom involves his/her right to choose the way of self-realization and the possible amount of social contribution. In the same time, freedom understood as a right for justice is attributed to men's actions, where justice is a rule that forbids person to cause harm to himself or to others. In other words, justice is a mutual protection mechanism which guarantees safety and prosperity to all members of society.