

So what IS a right, anyhow?

Where do my rights come from?

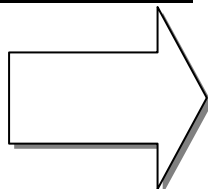
The following is from Judge Andrew P Napolitano

What is a right? A right is a gift from God that extends from our humanity. Thinkers from St. Thomas Aquinas, to Thomas Jefferson, to the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., to Pope John Paul II have all argued that our rights are a natural part of our humanity. We own our own bodies. Thus we own the gifts that emanate from our bodies. So our right to life, our right to develop our own personalities, our right to think as we wish, to say what we think, to publish what we say, our right to worship or not worship, our right to travel, to defend ourselves, to use our property as we see fit, our right to due process – fairness – from the government, and our right to be left alone, are all rights that extend from our humanity. These are natural rights that we are born with. The government doesn't give them to us and the government doesn't pay for them and the government can't take them away, unless a jury finds that we have violated someone else's rights.

Free Puzzle for you to do !

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- Multiple choice: a) Mother
 b) Government
 c) Creator



What is a good?

A good is something we want or need. In a sense, it is the opposite of a right. We have our rights from birth, but we need our parents when we are children and we need ourselves as adults to purchase the goods we require for existence. So food is a good, shelter is a good, clothing is a good, education is a good, a car is a good, legal representation is a good, working out in a gym is a good and access to health care is a good. Does the government give us goods? Well sometimes it takes money from some of us and gives that money to others. You could call that taxation or you could call it theft; but you can not call it a right.

A right stems from our humanity. A good is something you buy or someone buys for you. Now when you look at health care for what it is, when you look at the US Constitution, when you look at the history of human freedom, when you accept the American value of the primacy of the individual over the fleeting wishes of the government, it becomes apparent that those who claim that health care is a right simply want to extend a form of government welfare.

When I make this argument to my "Big Government" friends, they come back at me with...well, if people don't have health insurance, they will just go to the hospitals and we will end up paying for them anyway. Why should that be? We don't let people steal food from a supermarket or an apartment from a landlord or clothing from a local shop. Why do we let them take healthcare from a hospital without paying for it? Well my "Big Government" friends contend that it's charity.

They are wrong again. It is impossible to be charitable with someone else's money. Charity comes from your heart, not the government spending your money. When we pay our taxes to the government and it gives that money away, that's not charity, that's welfare. When the government takes more money, so it can have money to give away, that's not charity, that's theft and when the government forces hospitals to provide free health care to those who can't or won't care for themselves, that's not charity, that's slavery. That's why we now have Constitutional chaos, because the government steals and enslaves, and we outlawed that a long time ago.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their _____ with certain unalienable rights.

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