

Study Guide: Social Justice

Rawls:

- Be able to explain the Veil of Ignorance and the Original Position
- Know his two Principles of Justice and which one is a perfect duty and which is an imperfect duty.
- Know what accidents of circumstance are.
- Know and be able to explain the three types of equality and which one is primary for Rawls and why.
- Be able to explain why his system is called “Distributive Justice”.
- Know his 3 natural rights.

Libertarianism (Hospers)

- Know their 3 natural rights.
- What are the three categories of laws? Be able to identify what category a law falls into.
- What are the 3 legitimate functions of government?
- Be able to define the four types of goods.
- What is a Public Good and what is the Public Goods Problem. What are the two methods for solving a Public Goods Problem? Which method do Libertarians prefer and why?

Utilitarianism

- Know the Principle of Utility
- Know the Calculus of felicity
- What are the four types of poverty?
- Know Singer’s (deductive) moral argument.
- How is failing to give aid morally equivalent to murder?
- What type of moral obligation is giving aid?

Be able to apply one of these three to a case study!