

Rights Ethics

Liberty rights (negative rights) = freedom to do what you have the right and the personal resources to do, without interference

Corresponding duty: non-interference

Welfare rights (positive rights) = enabled to do what you have the right, but not the personal resources, to do

Corresponding duty: provision of means

Sources of rights

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- 1) God
- 2) Reason
- 3) Social contract (plus, utilitarian)
- 4) Strong need / desire

So,

“Morally required” actions = particular actions respecting the particular rights of others

“Morally prohibited” actions = particular actions violating / not consistent with the rights of others

“Morally permissible” actions = actions that do not impinge upon the rights of others