

Taking Rights seriously by Ronald Dworkin

What I expect to learn:

I expect to learn how to take rights seriously. Also I expect to learn the principles behind the article written by the author.

Quote:

*"If the government itself is not taking right seriously, then they do not take the law seriously either"*

Book review:

In this book the author discussed the importance of rights and why we should as persons take rights seriously. Ronald Dworkin in the article asserts that individuals have legal rights beyond those openly laid down by the government and also that they have political and moral rights against the state that are prior to the welfare of the majority. Also he argues that basic among political rights is the right of each individual to the equal respect and concern of those who govern him. As we can understand in the article written by Ronald Dworkin, rights may it be political or moral are the elements that protect ourselves from outmost harm. Abuse and unfair treatment is one of the most common problems our country is facing today. It is through bribery that justice cannot be properly served, letting the wealthy convicted free from any sentence and thus leaving the underprivileged victim in a state of helplessness. The government is the entity that should administer the people's rights. It is through the power of the government that laws are enforced. These laws are made to protect the welfare of the people by supporting their rights. Equality among the members of the state is the most important aspect that can help in administering the rights of the people properly, without unjust treatment.

What I have learned:

Rights are an important element in living life and should be respected by each and every human being.

Integrative questions:

How important are rights?

What are the rights of a person?

Who protects the rights of a person?

How can a person fight for his right?

What are the consequences if we do not take rights seriously?