

The nature and value of rights by Joel Feinberg

**Quote:** “Try to imagine Nowheresville—a world very much like our own except that no one or hardly anyone has rights.”

**What I expect to learn:**

I expect to learn the real value of nature and rights of humanity.

**Book review:**

The author Joel Feinberg discussed in this article the nature and value of rights. To be able to discuss the value of rights the author used metaphor by citing a place called Nowheresville. Feinberg claimed that Nowheresville is a place very much like the world we live in except that the people who live in it doesn't have the rights that we so profusely enjoy. The author uses this metaphor to let the readers appreciate nature and the value of each and everyone's right. As we all know in the law, all individual has the right to live freely given the fact that he does not have any obligation with the law. Living in a world like Nowheresville can be pretty chaotic because nobody has rights, a person cannot claim anything to be personal property because there is no law that can honour that claim. A place with now abiding law is a place with no discipline, self obedience and most especially equality. Feinberg also discussed the principle of duty in the article. Duty as stated in the book is an obligation that is needed to be fulfilled. In the world that we live in today, duty and rights are special ingredients in achieving social equality. In order for human rights to be honored, all members of a society have a duty to comply with the law which states that everyone whether rich or poor has the right to live a healthy normal life, free of abuse and prejudice. Failure to comply with the standards set by the law will result in just compelling consequences ordered by the law.

**What I learned:**

I have learned to respect the nature and rights of all people.

**Integrative Question:**

- 1) Who are the people equitable to have rights?
- 2) How important are rights?
- 3) What is the role of rights in the world we live in today?
- 4) Who formulates the people's rights?
- 5) Who implements rights?