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The Merriam Webster Online Dictionary defines human rights as “rights that belong to an individual as a consequence of being human” (“The Merriam Webster Online Dictionary”). Thus, these are the rights one is supposed to have, simply because of having born human. These rights, however, are not immutable laws, such as the law of gravity. They are basically the creation of the United Nations and other international bodies, such as the Council of Europe, the Organization of American States, and the African Union. Their main idea of promoting these rights is to seek to bring about a world in which all men, women and children are equal, and enjoy equality in their lives. All human-beings are and always will be born free and equal in pride and their humanness. That is the easy part. The problems come after they are born.

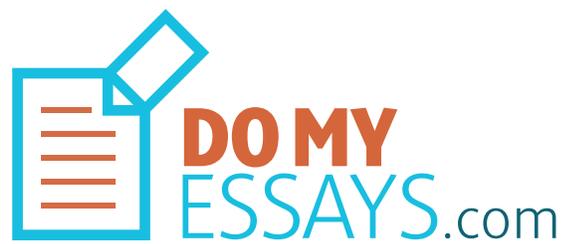
The main problems with human rights are the fact they are designed by humans, and more so by organizations, which are full of members who trample on such rights in their own countries. This basic hypocrisy lends the rights to more properly be called "human wishes." The problems of getting human rights start before one is born. The baby is born always in a geographical area, which is governed and controlled by adults. These are immutable facts. If the geographical area is a wealthy suburb in the USA that baby can expect to enjoy most of its human rights. Right now if the baby is born in some other countries, it might be lucky to survive childbirth. If it does, it may have to contend with bombings, bullets, cold, hunger and disease. Even though the baby's rights are clear on the famous documents declaring their right to life, right to water, to food and shelter, to be treated with dignity. Therefore, we could divide this word to read "Human? Right!" Sadly, it is true a whale in some countries has more rights than humans. Civilians are exploited, and killed, while the whales are saved!

The fundamental problem is not one of defining the rights. It is a problem of getting them. This is because to get these rights, another human must give them. And here lies the problem; no one wants to give. Because people are human, they are immutably inclined to have different values, religious views, political theories, which shape their view of life and rights. An example is that in the USA beefsteak is consumed daily by millions, whilst in India cows are sacred and never eaten. It is better to be a cow in India, than in America. In countries with monarchies, the Royal families are more equal than the commoners. Many other types of discrimination exist around the world between nations, and between citizens of the same nation. This has led to events, such as genocide in the extreme cases, where humans of a certain kind were not even given the right to life. And violation of human rights are seen in different parts of the world. Then this leads to differences between what should be a right.

Universal rights are meant to pertain to everyone, and include the right to law enforcement, equality, political participation, and education and much more. However, if you are human, and survived the abortionist propaganda and slaughter, survived childbirth, HIV at birth, childhood diseases, bombs, bullets and genocide, then at least you have a grip on your right to live like a cow in India. It is a start!

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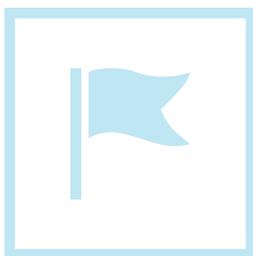


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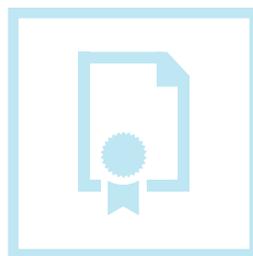
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