

WHAT'S WRONG WITH INEQUALITY?

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OUTLINE

1. Conceptual Distinctions: Sufficiency, Priority, Equality
2. What, if Anything, is Wrong with Inequality?
 - A. Causes
 - B. Consequences

Sufficiency

“What is important from the moral point of view is not that everyone should have *the same* but that each should have *enough*. If everyone had enough, it would be of no moral consequence whether some had more than others” (Frankfurt 1987, p. 21).

Prioritarianism

Prioritarianism is the view that benefiting people is more important the worse off the people are.

Equality

1. Comparative
2. Indifferent as to Level

Objectionable Causes of Inequality

1. Historical Injustices
2. Market Imperfections—monopoly and monopsony
3. Vulnerability

Objectionable Consequences of Inequality

- A. Status Inequality
- B. Equality of Opportunity
- C. Inequality of Opportunity for Political Influence