In class group class assignment 5

Shue, “Correlative Duties”

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1. An example of the positive dimension of the duty to protect can be seen with how OC Transpo bus drivers give riders the option to get off at a safer location that is not a regular bus stop after 7:00 pm. This example rejects the dichotomy, because the realization of the “negative” right to protection requires the “positive” action of changing where the bus stops. Because in this society we cannot rely on everyone to willingly refrain from harming others, we must take action to ensure the protection of people from physical harm.
2. Shue explains that the common belief sees subsistence rights as too burdensome when treated as basic rights. We agree with Shue that this belief is both understandable and misinformed. It is understandable as treating subsistence rights as basic rights can be burdensome, especially with the accumulation of past neglect of basic duties. However it is also misinformed because the future burden of subsistence rights would be avoidable if basic rights were protected to begin with.