Lecture 3 Personal Rights by Libertarians

Lead in - maximizing utility vs. inherent dignity of human rights

[6:30] 1. paternalist

2. no morals

3. tax

[11:13-11:37] e.g. US wealth distribution

how to judge if such distribution is just or unjust?

[12:05－直接放到例子] a. justice in acquisition

b. justice in transfer

[13:39] e.g. income distribution

Bill Gates

if utilitarian, would tax Gates to improve others

[17:00] Michael Jordan

Agree with the justification of objections against income distribution?

直接接上面[18:00] 2 answers + 1 objection

[22:20] Nozick: novel idea: taxation is equal to taking of earnings = forced labour

forced labour = slavery: state owns me

So, libertarians enshrine SELF-POSSESSION

So, yanking out organs is wrong. Utilitarianism does not hold.

[35:05] Objections to Libs

1. the poor need the money more
2. taxation by consent of the governed is not coercion
3. successful people owe a debt to society
4. Wealth depends on luck

A: people have intrinsic rights (John)

B: need not equal to deserve (Julia)

C: democratically elected government (Raul)

D: interesting back-and-forth challenges on DEMOCRACY vs. MOB RULE

E: (the blogger)

Topic of this week:

Welfare states (most West European states, Australia, Canada, etc.) vs. non-welfare states (America, China, etc.), which one is the better social system?