

Another example of equality without liberty, if a family has two children and one of them want to become a doctor and another an engineer. They have resources to pay money for only one child, but for the sake of equality they divide it into two equal halves. But neither of their children have liberty to pursue their dream.

Now, if they'd given all resources to one of them that seems to fair for one and unfair to another. In other scenario, it is fair both of them have equal resources but unfair as none of them can pursue their dream.

Communism is a type of political system in which state owns and controls all the resources, and treats everyone equally. Everyone have different role in the society, and the difference of values they take from society to the values they add in the society is different. Hence treating them equally will eventually stop those hardworking people to do more hardwork than others getting equally treated in the society without even doing any work. This is similar to the case of a classroom, in which all the students are getting equal result for their different preparation for the examination.

This will lead to a society in which there won't be any motivation among people to do extra work and compete among themselves. Which will lead to a collapsing economy and country will not be able to grow. This is what happened to Russia in the past.

However, equality like non-discrimination and elimination of disadvantages can be considered good for liberty. Equality accompanies the concept of liberty in the view of most thinkers. For thinkers like Locke, natural right which also includes liberty are regulated by natural laws. And these natural laws are characterized by equality. Similarly for Rawls, equality is the basis for distribution of resources and liberty among people in the society.

Inequality can become barrier in some cases for the liberty. It can be in different form may be economically, physically or socially. If someone don't have enough resources to pursue their dream, it can be difficult for them to enjoy their liberty as they'll have to think about their economic condition and choose out of something they are not interested.