

# HEALTH, DEVELOPMENT & HUMAN RIGHTS

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## Considerations of Justice

### Instructions

When doing the reading for this class, there are the two basic kinds of information you need to understand:

1. What are the main points or conclusions that an author accepts with respect to a particular issue?
2. What are the reasons, important considerations, and evidence that lead the author to accept that conclusion?

For our purposes, it is *information of the second sort that will be our primary concern* since our most basic task is to *evaluate the reasons and evidence* that are offered to support accepting one possible position on an issue, rather than another.

### Reading

Barry, B. (1982). Humanity and Justice in Global Perspective. In J. R. Pennock & J. W. Chapman (Eds.), *Nomos XXIV: Ethics, Economics, and the Law* (pp. 219–252). New York: New York University Press.

### Questions

1. Throughout this paper, Brian Barry distinguishes between *humanitarian aid* and aid based on considerations of *justice*. What is the difference between the two? What implications does this have for foreign aid?
2. What are the various considerations of justice that Barry examines? Why does he believe that the three forms of justice as reciprocity are not appropriate for global justice? What is justice as equal rights, and what implications does this have for international affairs?

To answer these questions you will have to reflect critically on what you have read and possibly re-read important passages.

Although I strongly suggest that you write out brief answers to these questions, you do not have to turn in written responses. You do, however, need to be prepared to speak intelligently about these issues at our next class meeting.