



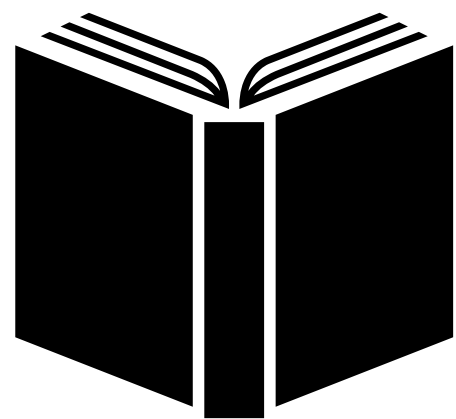
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The Promise of Human Rights

Lesson 1 Summary

What are human rights?

RIGHT. [Sax. *riht*, Germ. *riht*, L. Fr. *droit*, *droict*, *dreit*, *dreyt*; from Lat. *rectus*, *rectum*, straight, upright; Lat. *jus*.] Justice; equity. This seems to have been the sense of the word in the old writ of right; the person to whom it was directed being commanded to “do full right (*plenum rectum teneatis*) to the demandant,” “that we may hear no more clamor thereupon for want of right,” (*pro defectu recti.*) *Reg. Orig.* 1. The word *jus*, it will be seen, is not used. See *Writ of right*.



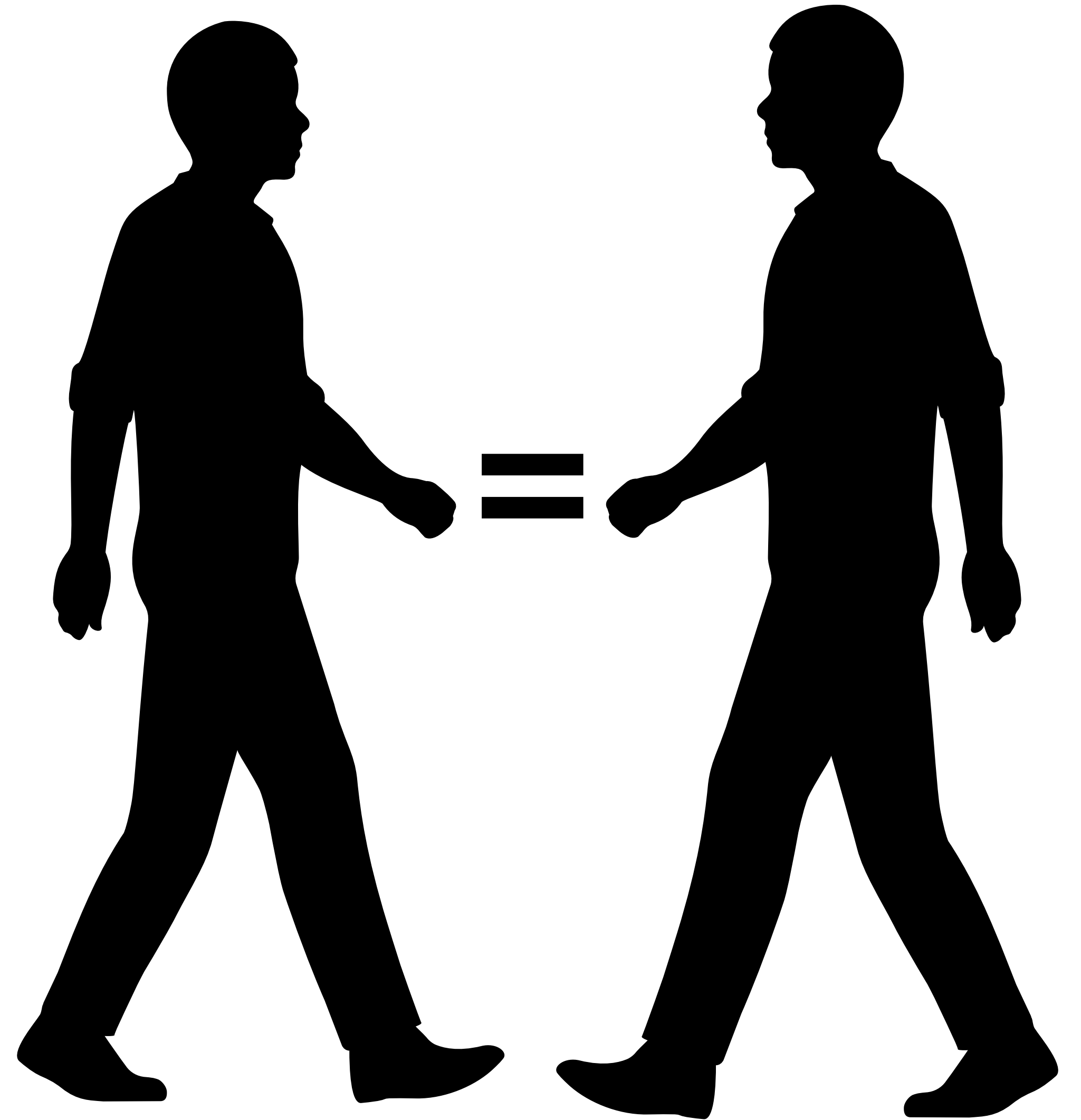
Regis, Rei, Rectus, Riht

Rights as Standards

from



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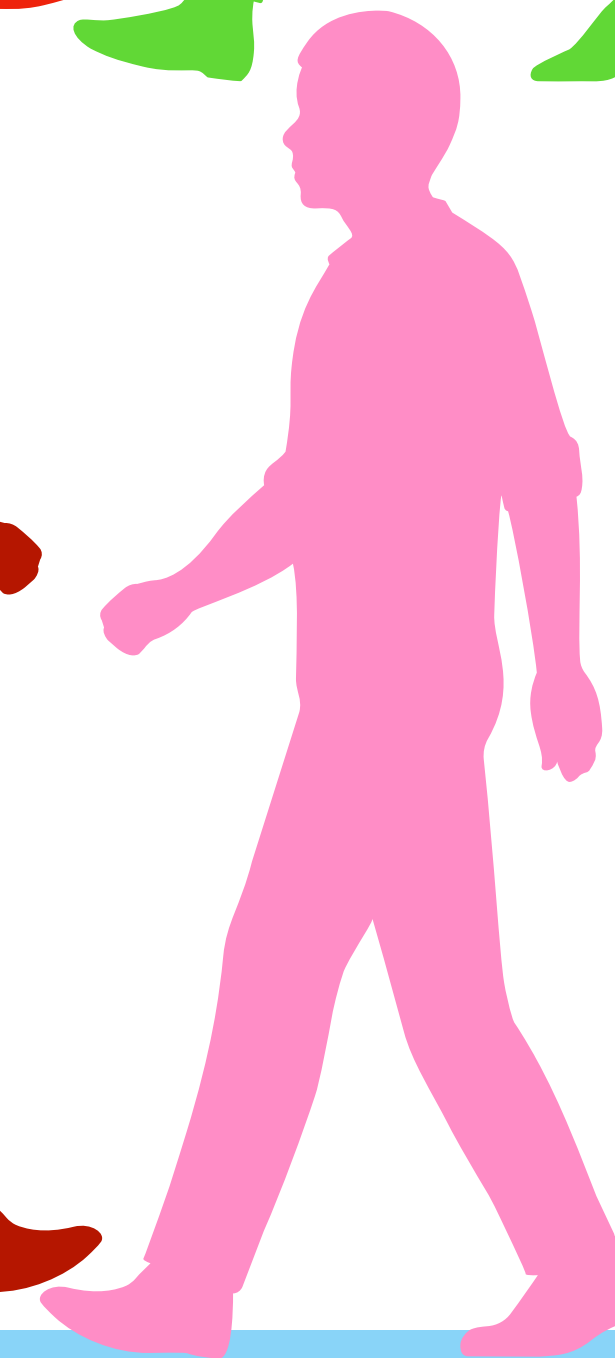
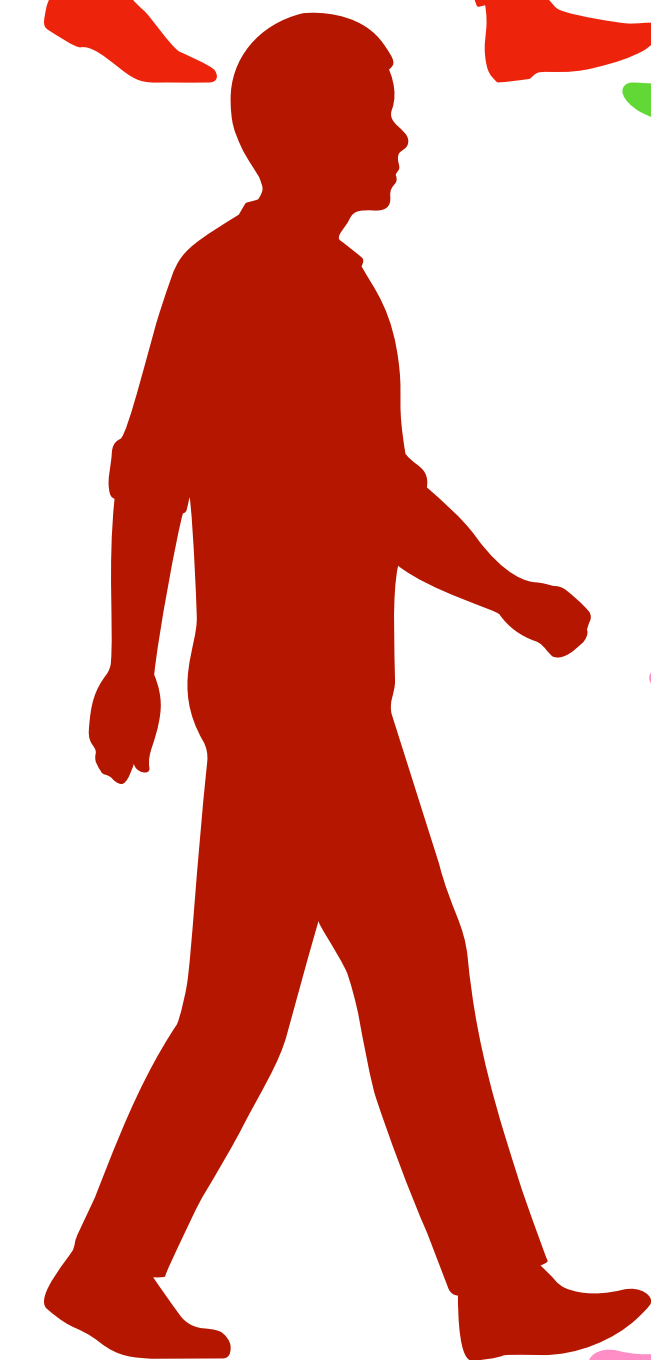
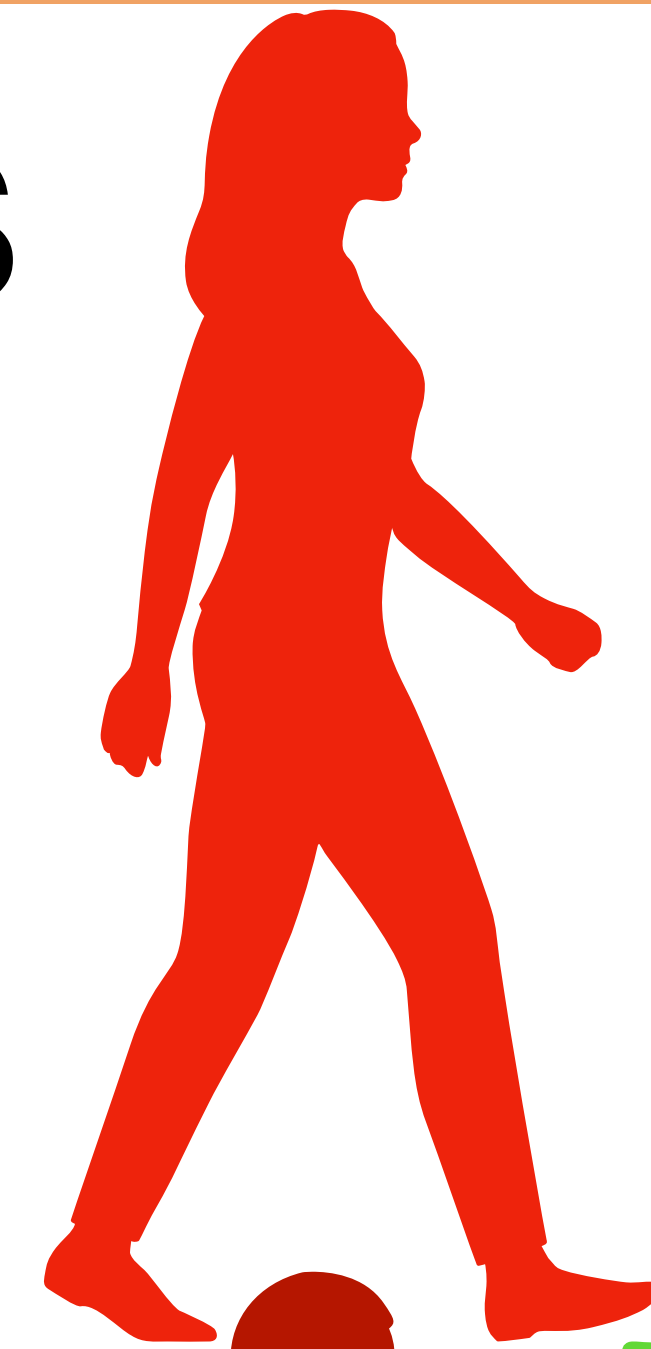
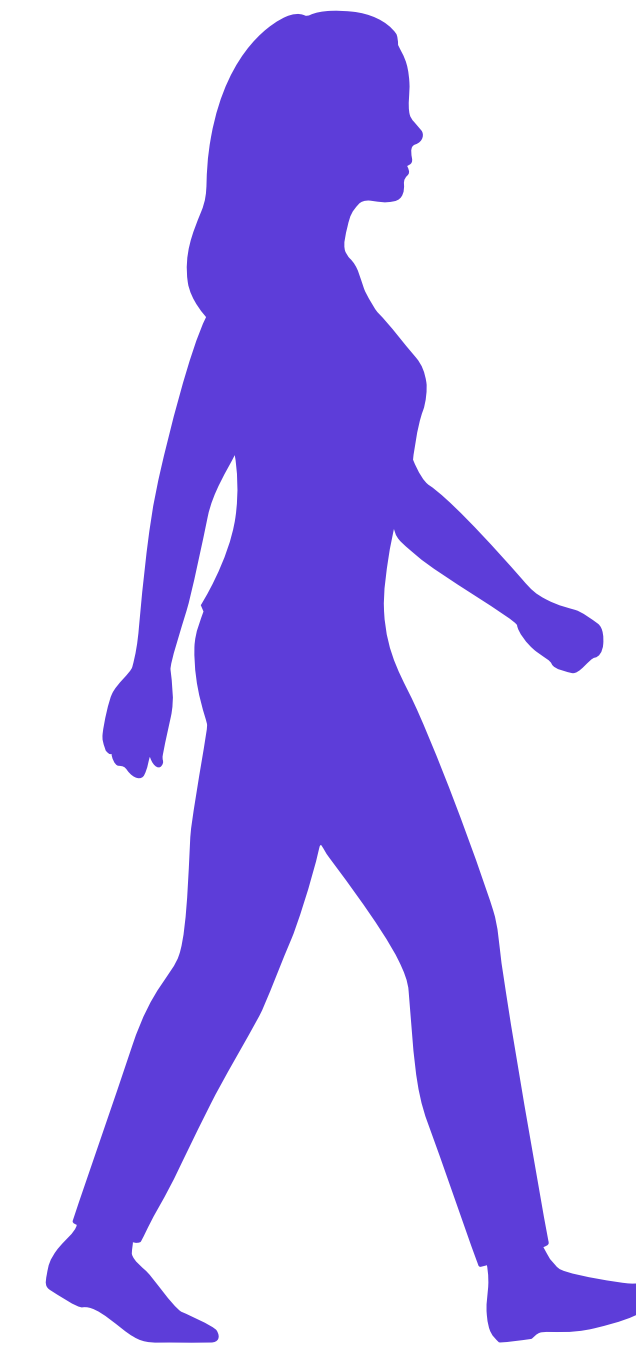
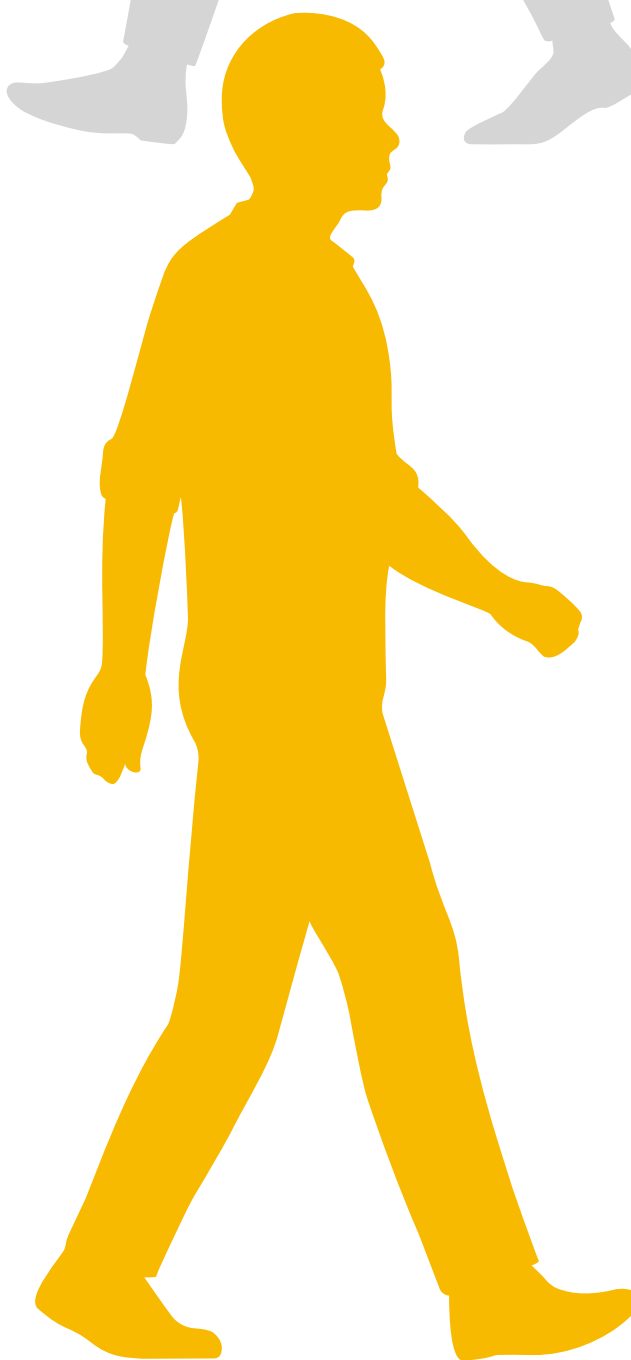
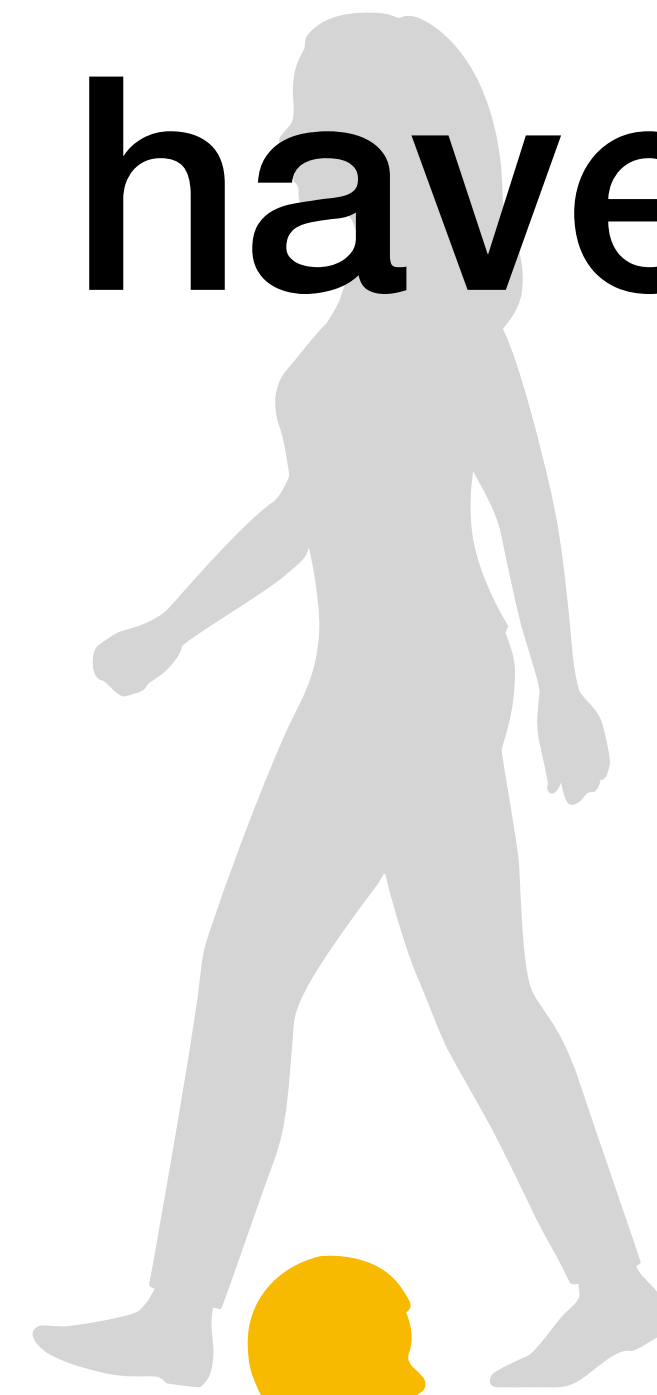
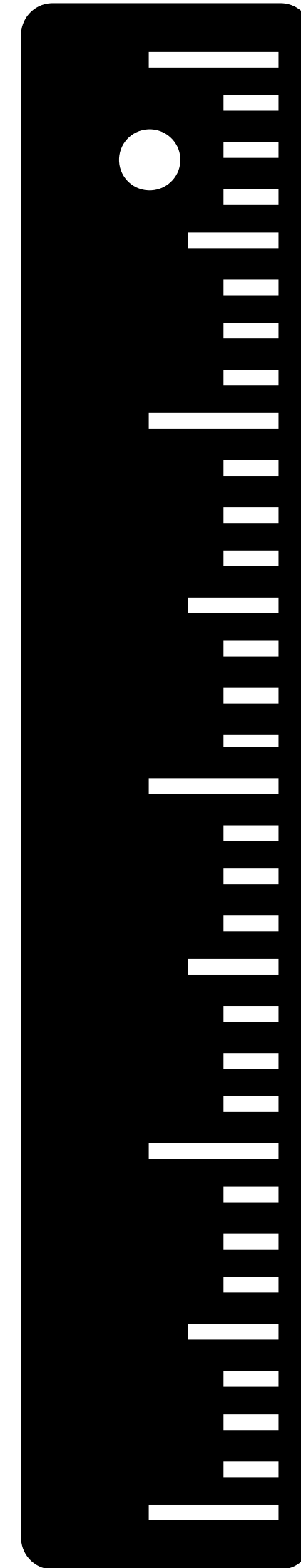
Human Rights are...

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The right to have rights

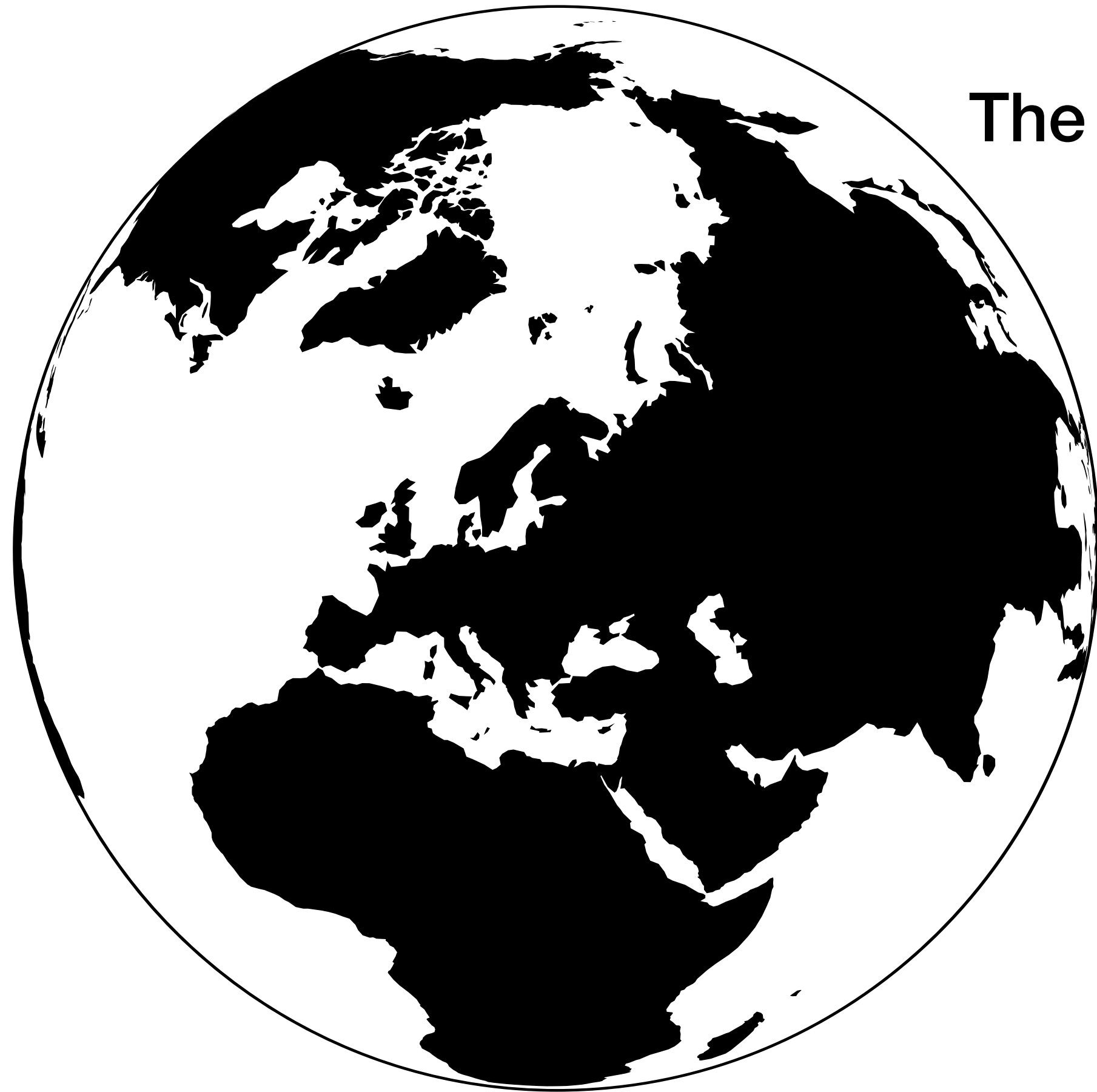


Access to Human Rights

- Refugees
- Immigrants
- Indigenous Peoples
- LGBTQ
- Racial Minorities
- Women



✓ Western Philosophy



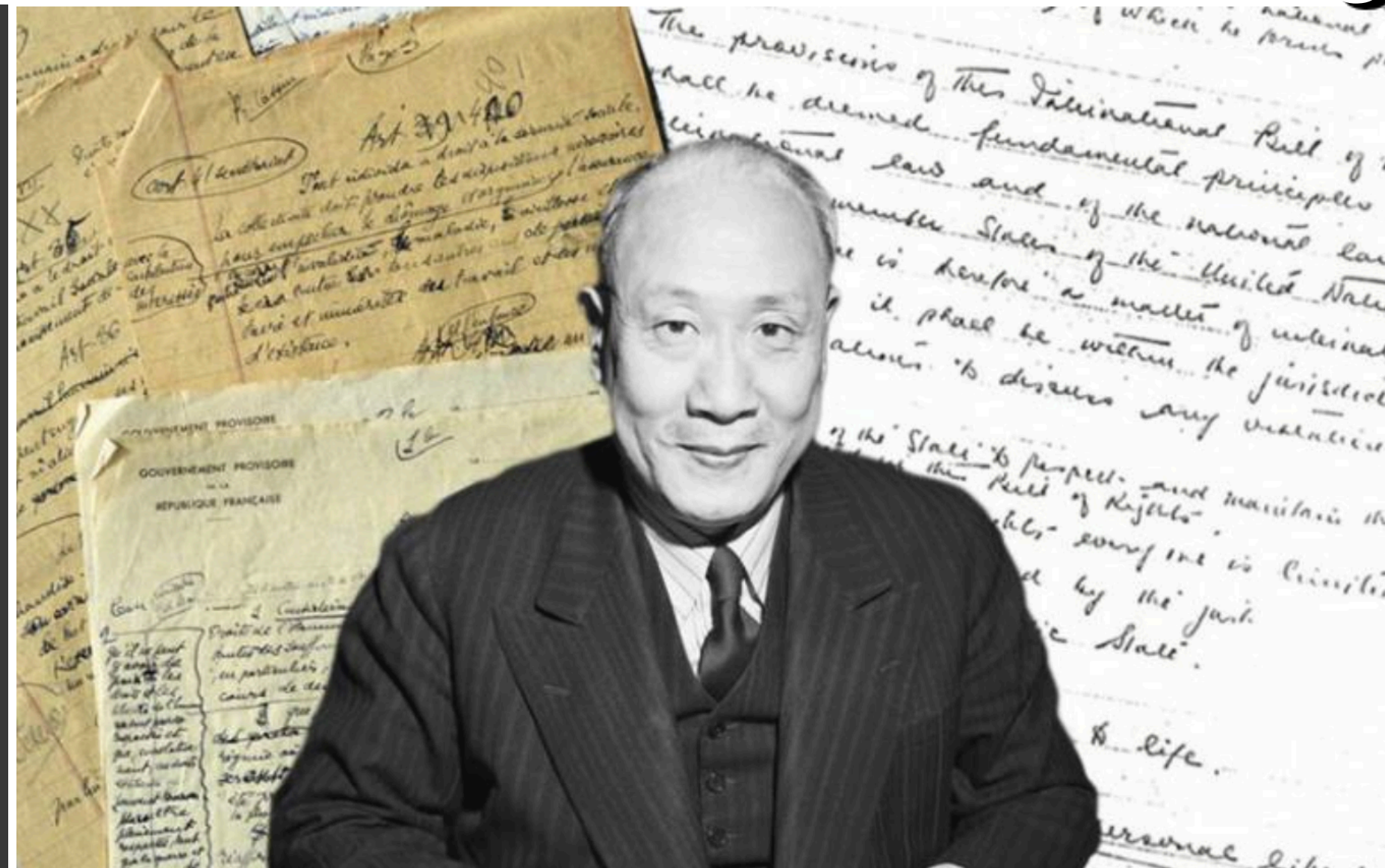
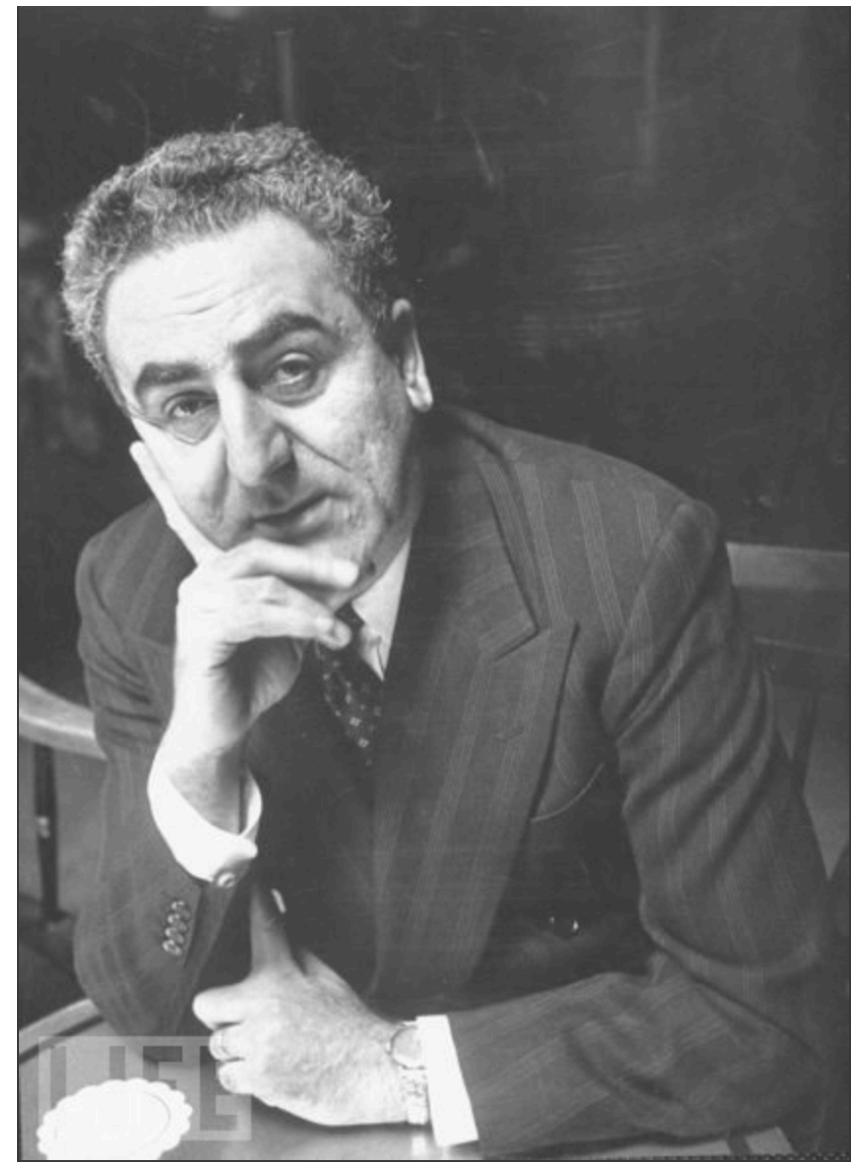
The origins of Human Rights

versus



✓ Eastern Philosophy

Universal Declaration of Human Rights



The Universal Declaration was formulated through debates that involved participants from different cultures. Although representation in the UN Human Rights Commission, which drafted the Universal Declaration, was not global, it was not limited to Western states either. Two of three main intellectual forces in the drafting subcommittee, Charles Malik from Lebanon, and Peung-chun (P.C.) Chang from China, had their roots in Middle Eastern and Asian cultures.

–Zehra F. Kabaskal Arat, Human Rights Quarterly (2006)

A negotiated document

The development of the ideal of freedom and its translation into the everyday life of the people in great areas of the earth, is the product of the efforts of many peoples. It is the fruit of a long tradition of vigorous thinking and courageous action. No one race and no one people can claim to have done all the work to achieve greater dignity for human beings, and greater freedom to develop human personality. In each generation and in each country there must be a continuation of the struggle, and new steps forward must be taken since this is preeminently a field in which to stand still is to retreat.”



– Eleanor Roosevelt, 1948



“life, liberty and the security of person”



Fundamental Freedom

Freedom of worship
Freedom of speech
and expression
Freedom from want
Freedom from fear



Religion
Speech
Due Process
Privacy

Freedom of thought or conscience
and religious belief
Freedom of speech and
expression
Freedom of Assembly
Freedom of Association

Global Human Rights: Whose problem is it?

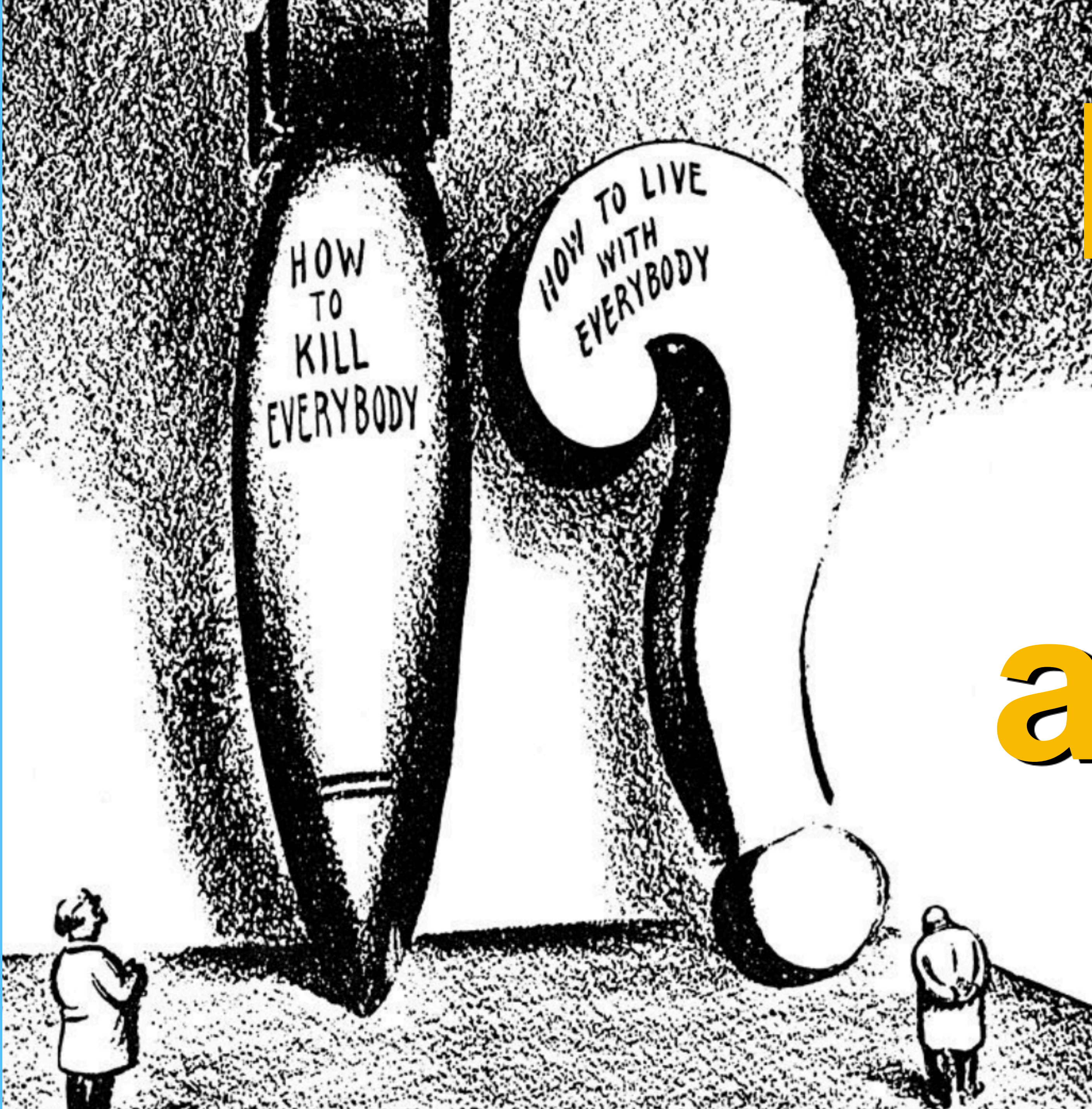


Historical Context: The Cold War



Rights of the individual: Civil
& Political Rights ?

Group Rights, Economic,
Social and Cultural Rights ?



Human

Rights

as a way

of life