

Lecture 11 Reading Questions

“The Entitlement Theory”

Readings:

Selections from “Anarchy, State, and Utopia” by Robert Nozick.

- (1) What three topics exhaust the subject of “justice in holdings”? What principles belong to these topics?
- (2) When are a person’s holdings just, according to Nozick?
- (3) “[A]ny adequate theory of justice in acquisition will contain a proviso.” What is the content of the proviso according to Nozick, and how does he imagine it may be satisfied?
- (4) What kind of government activities does Nozick’s theory require? How would a government enforce “justice in holdings”?
- (5) What implications does Nozick’s theory have on the current distribution of property and wealth? Does it require any redistribution of property? From whom? To whom? On what grounds?

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