

Lecture 13 Reading Questions

“Justice in Transfer”

Readings:

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

Sections 2 -5 from “Are Disadvantaged Workers Who Take Hazardous Jobs Forced to Take Hazardous Jobs?” by G.A. Cohen.

Restatement of Contracts, s. 208

(1) What is it to be forced to do something? When is a person forced to take a low-paying, dangerous job?

(2) Contract law says that judges must not enforce “unconscionable” contracts. What counts as an unconscionable contract?

(3) Can you think of an *employment* contract that would likely be unconscionable under contract law? Ask yourself:

- (i) what steps could the government take to protect people from such a contract?
- (ii) Are the measures you envision compatible with everyone’s right of self-ownership?

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