

Lecture 17 Reading Questions

“Equal Opportunity & Effort”

Readings:

“Why Equal Opportunity.”

“Education.”

Chapters 4 and 5 in “Why Social Justice Matters” by Brian Barry.

(1) When is it accurate to say that two people have the same opportunity to obtain something valuable that only one of them can have? For example, what needs to be true for two people to have the same opportunity to be hired for the position of chief executive officer at Google?

(2) What kind of educational policy is called for by the principle of equality of opportunity?

(3) Are free public schools sufficient for equality of opportunity? Why or why not?

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