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EQUALITY

A Paradox

- Almost everyone accepts the ideal of equality, yet almost everywhere we live in a complex world of unequal wealth, opportunities, work situations, and power.

What is Equality?

- Treating people with equal respect need not mean always treating them in an identical way.
- No society treats all its members in exactly the same way under all conditions.
- The smooth functioning of society requires division of work and functions and people often enjoy different status and rewards on account of it .

Equality of Opportunities

- The concept of equality implies that all people, as human beings, are entitled to the same rights and opportunities to develop their skills and talents, and to pursue their goals and ambitions.
- People have different talents and skills which results in some being more successful in their chosen careers than others.
- It is not the lack of equality of status or wealth or privilege that is significant but the inequalities in people's access to such basic goods, as education, health care, safe housing, that make for an unequal and unjust society.