



# The Rights of ALL People

In 1948 the United Nations passed the Declaration of Human Rights. Here is a summary of that document.

Every human being has the right to:

- Life
- Liberty and security of person
- Not be a slave
- Not be tortured
- Protection of the law
- A fair and public hearing in the courts
- Be presumed innocent until proved guilty
- Freedom of movement and residence
- Marry and raise a family
- Own property
- Freedom of thought, conscience or religion
- Freedom of opinion and expression
- Freedom of peaceful assembly and of association
- Seek and receive information and ideas
- Take part in politics
- Work
- Fair wages and equal pay for equal work
- Social security
- A decent standard of living
- Join a trade union
- Rest and leisure
- Education



**All of these rights apply to everyone regardless of race, colour, gender, language, religion, political opinion, social origin, property or birth order.**

*You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.*

*You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.*

*You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.*

*You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.*

*You cannot further the brotherhood of humanity by inciting class hatred.*

*You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence.*

*You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves.*

Abraham Lincoln or Rev. William J. H. Boetcker.



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