

Project Name: Self-Ownership and Equality

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Project Summary:

People are concerned with the rapidly increasing income gap worldwide, and equality has become central to political debates. Although people define equality differently, most of them agree that *the principle of equality* means that society must distribute resources or welfare as evenly as possible. I investigated various philosophical theories for and against this principle in this research. In the first six weeks of my research, I spent most of my time reading books and papers on equality. My reading list included the works by John Rawls, Ronald Dworkin, Gerald Cohen, Michael Sandel, and Robert Nozick. I also had weekly meetings with my mentor to discuss my questions on the reading and possible topics for my writing.