Are Human Rights Important?
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Human rights are the things we are entitled to, allowed to do or free from simply because we’re human. Human rights are important because they protect people and stop utter chaos. And remember, they can cause good things as well as prevent bad.

Human rights protect people. In South Africa, there was a racist regime called apartheid from 1948 to 1994. People’s rights weren’t respected and, as a result, people weren’t protected from racism. Human rights are important because without them, unfair societies like the apartheid can be created. If you were a black living in South Africa during apartheid, you couldn't own a shop, hold a certain job or be taught in your language. There were separate hospitals, living areas, schools, universities, and you had to hold an ID card showing what race you were. That's a complete waste of time, nonsense and money, and even worse, blacks were nowhere close to safe. The Holocaust was the deliberate extermination of 7 million Jews, practiced during World War II. If you were a Jewish person, you were sent to a "camp" and told to take a shower with poisonous gas. Not "die instantly" poisonous gas, but "scraping the ceiling for air" poisonous gas. Without human rights, the Holocaust practice could have killed every Jew on Earth. You wouldn't want that to happen. And it would get even worse. Kosher food companies would go bankrupt and people would have to live on the streets. And die. That means supermarkets would lose money and go bankrupt. Nobody would be able to access clean food or water. And die. So basically, if it weren't for human rights, you wouldn't be here today. Human rights are the most important thing on Earth.

Remember, human rights can cause good things as well as prevent bad ones. The formation of the UN provides jobs. Jobs for translators, disaster services, people who want to change this planet for the better. Hungry people are hungry no more. Homeless people are homeless no more. Unemployed people have jobs. Our Earth has changed in some very good ways. Recycling, alternative power sources, reusable bags and many more have all changed this planet for the better, with the help of human rights. Torture, slavery and war have all been eliminated with the help of the system we call human rights, the most important system on Earth.

Without those thirty human rights, the world would be in utter chaos. No right to education means no smart people to invent things we take for granted today. No Internet, no Space Race, no nothing. It would be like being stuck in the early 1940's forever. We'd have no geniuses to think up cures for diseases. You could catch a disease and you'd be thinking "There's no tomorrow," because there was no cure. With no right to religion, we're asking for Holocaust all over again, and you know what'll happen with that. Without right to a fair trial, people would be told that people did things they didn't do and would be thrown straight into gaol. Pretty much everyone would be in gaol, eating bread and water, not getting the nutrients they need, and dying. If pretty much everyone is in gaol, that means pretty much everyone is dying. Pretty soon everyone would be dead, and we wouldn't want that to be
happening. Uneducated people would run around like morons, people dying of diseases, everyone thrown in gaol, our Earth would be a mess. That is, if we didn't have human rights.

Human rights are important because they provide protection, create the good things and prevent the bad.