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# DOES THE DOCTRINE OF SUFFICIENCY

**MAKE SENSE?**

## ECONOMIC EGALITARIANISM

The doctrine that it is desirable for everyone to have the same amounts of income and of wealth.



## SUFFICIENCY

With respect to the distribution of economic assets, what is important from the point of view of morality is not that everyone should have the *same* but that each should have *enough*.

**1**

### ASSERTION

IT IS NOT TRUE THAT SOMEONE WHO IS ECONOMICALLY WORSE OFF HAS MORE IMPORTANT UNSATISFIED NEEDS THAN SOMEONE WHO IS BETTER OFF

**2**

### ASSERTION

IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THOSE WHO ARE WORSE OFF NOT TO HAVE MORE URGENT NEEDS OR TO HAVE NO URGENT NEEDS AT ALL

**3**

### ASSERTION

THE USE OF ENOUGH PERTAINS TO MEETING A STANDARD RATHER THAN TO REACHING A LIMIT...THE PERSON IS (OR OUGHT TO BE) CONTENT

