Case Study: Recognition in Redistribution: Care and Diversity in Global Justice

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In Gould’s (2008) article, it is evident that recognition, care, and global justice are all interconnected. Gould believes that all human beings need to work together so that all people are awarded the same basic human rights. Hutchings (2010) alludes to the idea that most arguments and theories regarding global distributive justice operate on a high level of abstraction, as the principles merely provide a yardstick to measure goals at which ought to be sought after. It would appear impossible, based on Hutchings’ arguments, to find a single ethical position in which every human being in the world would be able or be required to follow. The world today is extremely diverse with multiple religions, politics, and governments, each with their own differing views and beliefs, to have a single ethical position required for all people. Gould does not argue that there is exclusively one ethical position to be taken, but rather as a human race it is important to find a way to ensure all people are given the rights they deserve. It is possible for mankind to work towards global justice and human rights.

Global Justice

Gould (2008) articulates that human rights represent moral and social claims by people who also are willing to hold those views, based on interdependence with all other human beings. Human rights should not be taken casually and basic human rights should be awarded to all members of the human race. Gould believes that human beings share interconnectedness with each other. It is because of this interconnectedness that human beings should award each other the same rights that they expect to be given. It is not fair for one person to expect to be treated one way, but to treat someone else a different way in return.
Gould (2008) believes that it is important to not only give priority to the fundamental requirements of a human life and by attempting to fulfill basic human rights worldwide, it is also important to refrain from blocking other people or groups in their own efforts at fulfilling such attempts. Many people agree that an effort to fulfill basic human rights (food, shelter, clothing) worldwide is an exemplary cause and there are many organizations in the world today whose mission or vision statement reflects this goal. However, there are fewer people who are actively involved in an effort to realize these goals. One could argue that by not providing help and support (whether financially, through volunteer time, donations, etc.) is actually an attempt to block others from fulfilling attempts to fulfill basic human rights worldwide. The numerous organizations that exist with the goal of bettering mankind are always in need of support to achieve their goals. Offering support to these groups is an ideal way to show others that valuing human life is an important cause.

Along the same lines, Gould (2008) affirms that dignity speaks to the significance of equality by emphasizing the crucial role of recognition and equal respect must be given to all persons along with an affirmation of their equal worth. Gould clearly states that all people must be given equal respect. This is an area that still needs improvement today. While it appears that society is moving more towards a general acceptance and respect for others, there is still a great amount of work to be done. If human kind is going to reach a point where all people are awarded the same basic rights, human beings must begin by believing that all human beings are of equal importance and worth.
Conclusion

Gould (2008) iterates that human beings are capable of working together toward achieving basic human rights for all people. While this is not something that is going to happen over a short period of time, there are basic things that can be done to begin working towards this goal. Treating all people with an equal respect is one huge step toward achieving this goal. Human beings also need to be willing to work with others that are actively working to achieve this goal by offering their support. Recognition, care, and global justice are connected, and by support of mankind can help provide basic human rights to all.
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