

## **WHAT IS FAIRNESS?**

The Oxford dictionary says that 'fairness is the quality of treating people equally or in a way that is reasonable. I intend to prove this to you by the end of this essay. Also, the meaning of unfairness in the Advanced Oxford dictionary is, 'The fact of not being right or fair'.

Primarily, I think fairness is when you do not leave anybody out in a game or a group just because you want to, if they are a different gender or a different skin colour. To add to my point, if you are not very fair to other people, then they might not be fair towards you.

To add to that, the opposite of fairness (unfairness) is when you leave people out because you want to, because of their gender or because of the colour of their skin. Also, if you leave people out for the last two reasons you might be called racist (rude to people with different skin colour) or sexist (rude to people with a different gender). In this essay, I hope to prove to you what fairness truly is. Also, if you do not pay your workers enough money, they will probably believe you are greedy and unfair and could sue you depending on where you live. An example of one of many employers is Mr Martain McCoil Retail Limited.

In this essay I will be including:

- The fair-trade Banana plantation, unfair pay & wages
- Human rights
- Fair trade
- Summary (conclusion).

My first point is the CEO of the Chiquita Banana Business, Brian W. Kocher, does not pay his workers enough money to afford enough food, enough water or enough for their bills for the week. Also, these poor, plantation workers only make approximately, (to the nearest hundred) £1100 per year! To add to that, the proper amount his workers should be paid is, (to the nearest hundred) £11,800, that is £10700 less than they should be earning. Additionally, in the UK 1/3 of the bananas are from the fairtrade company so they should be paid even more. Fair trade means that farmers and other people who make or grow products are paid a fair price for their work. If the Chiquita Banana Business was a fair-trade company, then the plantation workers would be paid a fairer salary. This would ensure that they would have enough food for themselves and

their families. Now, some of the workers might barely have enough money to get food for themselves, let alone their family.

In the past, people considered black people as slaves, they did not have the right to vote, and they were frowned upon. Also, women were considered underachievers (were considered to not do anything properly), and women could not vote either. Adding to that, in the past black people were considered horrible and had different laws like giving things up because of their skin colour and had different restaurants, all because their skin was darker than others. Neither of these things were fair. In 2023, black people equalled 92% of all people alive. Women were also excluded from lots, all because they were a different gender. Today, 51% of the population is female. In the past, they were excluded from football, being gladiators (Roman times), watching shows in person or in generally playing sports.

Some human rights (the basic rights and freedoms that everyone has from birth to death) everyone should have are, no-one can enslave you, no one can falsely imprison you, everyone is innocent until proven guilty, everyone has the right to vote and govern their country, everyone has the right to education, everyone has the right to a fair wage and no one has the right to wrongly imprison you or force you to leave the country. We are all important, no-one can tell you to force someone to do something or not to do something.

Furthermore, people who have a lot of money should donate things to charity or help the struggling or the poor, this would make a fairer world. To add to this point, the rich should help build orphanages, day care centres and hospitals or help to pay for some valuable resources that the country needs instead of buying cars or things covered in gold worth over \$1,000,000.

If you had to pay for your own healthcare, some people would have to sell some of their most valuable items or even their homes to pay for this healthcare. Meanwhile, the rich would not have to sell anything to pay for care, I do not believe that this is fair. In The United States of America, people must pay for health care and that could lead to people being homeless because they have had to sell their homes to pay for their healthcare.

In conclusion, you cannot leave anyone from mankind out of anything because they have different skin colour or a different gender as this would be unfair. Also, you cannot unfairly pay someone for no reason. If you are rich, you should help pay for important things, for example, orphanages, day care centres

and hospitals. If others must pay for their health care, some citizens will have to sell their homes and live on the streets and become ill again just to live freely. I believe that we should live in a fair world.

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