

YOU ARE THE POWER

THE PRINCIPLE OF HUMAN RESPECT OUTLINED

PURSUING HAPPINESS, HARMONY, AND PROSPERITY

Every day, each of us seeks happiness, whether through simple choices like purchasing a cup of coffee (happiness now) or by accomplishing a long-term goal like completing a detailed task (happiness later). No matter what we pursue, the goal remains the same: **happiness**. And as we seek happiness, we find joy and a sense of flourishing in our resources, which are needed to satisfy our needs and wants, both in the short and long term. Resources can include financial assets, property, time, family, friends, and talents.

HARMONY

Harmony means living safely and peacefully, free from being victimized. And this will not change throughout one's lifetime, regardless of who the aggressor is. One finds harmony in being secure in one's person and resources, whether out in public or at home.

PROSPERITY

Prosperity means living a thriving, happy, and healthy life and using your resources as you see fit, without unwanted influence from others.

WAYS TO DIMINISH ONE'S HAPPINESS, HARMONY, AND PROSPERITY

There are three primary ways to diminish one's **happiness**, **harmony**, and **prosperity**.

1. **Coercion or Coercive Force**: using threats of force or violence to compel someone to do something against their will.
2. **Theft**: stealing or damaging one's property.
3. **Violence**: physical harm.

DEFINING THE NATURAL AND MORAL PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN RESPECT

These consistent, observable cause-and-effect relationships establish a principle: *Coercion, theft, and violence **always** reduce happiness, harmony, and prosperity.* And that consistency is called the **Natural Principle of Human Respect** because it can be observed in life. The Principle of Human Respect is You Are The Power's ideological foundation.

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To promote happiness, harmony, and prosperity, one must recognize that initiating violence against others will only diminish their wealth through theft, fraud, or the destruction of their property. This is the **Moral Principle of Human Respect**.

LOGICAL AND PRACTICAL APPLICATION AND ACTION

Applying the Principle of Human Respect

The Principle of Human Respect's value lies in how it is applied. So, how do we do it?

Before taking any action, first ask yourself: "Is _____ consistent with the Principle of Human Respect?" If the answer is yes, you're ready to proceed. If not, step back and consider how your action can more effectively promote the Principle.

THE PRINCIPLE OF HUMAN RESPECT IN ACTION

When addressing an issue or solving a problem, whether through your volunteer work at You Are The Power or at home, do so logically and practically, using resources without force, and emphasize that coercion or coercive force is not an option.

You Are The Power's work begins when local governments use coercion or coercive force, theft, or violence and cause harm to an individual, family, or organization. And these acts occur at scale because we don't consistently demand the same respect from local government officials that we do from everyone else (including those very same officials when they act as private citizens). You Are The Power's mission is to respond to and address these failures by local government and advocate for solutions grounded in the Principle of Human Respect, so that the harm does not repeat itself.