

# THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM

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The right to freedom is a powerful tool in politics and human rights, as so many of us take there to be a fundamental right to live our lives as we choose. This intuitive idea of the right to freedom is heavily associated with libertarian and classical liberal views that rely on a conception of freedom as negative liberty, where one is free to the extent that others do not interfere with one doing as one chooses. In this talk, Professor Love argues against the negative liberty view and in favor of the Kantian conception of the right to freedom. On the Kantian view, the right to freedom is a right to live your life as you choose, consistently with the rights of others to do the same. You have the right to direct your own will in the world, but you do not have the right to direct the wills of others. This additional aspect of the right to freedom provides the conceptual capture what it is to have the right to live your life as you choose. Once we take this additional aspect of the right to freedom into account, the right to freedom is no longer intrinsically opposed to robust socioeconomic rights.