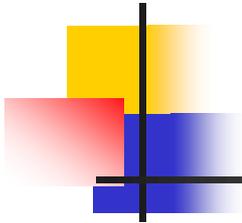
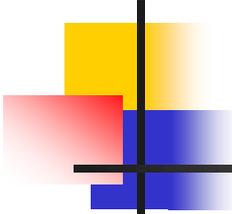


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### **History and development of rights**

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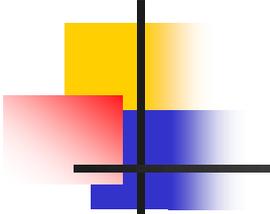




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# Development of Human Rights

## Religious Ideas:

- Hindu,
  - Bible,
  - Qur'an, and
  - Analects of Confucius
- They Address Questions of People's Duties, and Rights

## Written Documents Asserting Individual Rights:

- The Magna Carta (1215),
- The English Bill of Rights (1689),
- The French Declaration on The Rights of Man & Citizen (1789),
- US Constitution and Bill of Rights (1791)

Efforts in the 19th Century to Prohibit the Slave Trade and to Limit the Horrors of War Are Prime Examples.

In 1919,

*International Labor*

*Organization (ILO)* Was

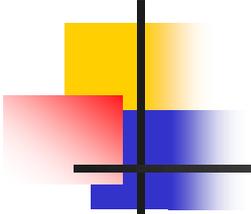
Established to Protect Workers

On December 10, 1948, the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)* Was Adopted by the 56 Members of the United Nations.

# Where Do Human Rights Come From?

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- The ideas behind human rights have been present throughout history in many different societies and civilizations.
- However, the modern concept of human rights emerged in the 20th century as a response to the events of the Second World War, and the mass crimes committed.
- States came together in 1948 at the United Nations to agree the ‘Universal Declaration of Human Rights’ (UDHR) – the most famous, most translated, and probably most important human rights document.

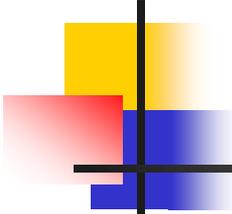


# Brief History

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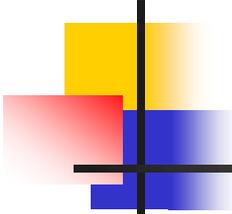
- **International Committee for the Red Cross (1863),**
- **Geneva Convention (1864),**
- **Hague Conventions (1899 & 1907), and**
- **League of Nations, and the International Labor Organization (1919)**



## Brief History ... 2

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- **Aftermath of World War II:**
  - **Roosevelt's Four Freedoms Speech (January 6, 1941),**
  - **The Atlantic Charter Between the United States and Great Britain (August 14, 1941),**
  - **The Nuremberg and Tokyo Tribunals, and**
  - **Creation of the United Nations (1945).**



# Characteristics of Human Rights

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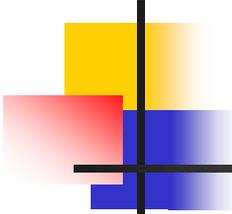
- **Universal**
- **Internationally guaranteed (UN Charter)**
- **Legally protected: UN Treaties oblige States and State actors to take actions to achieve respect for human rights**
- **Protects individuals and groups**
- **Cannot be taken away**
- **Equal and indivisible**



# Legally protected :How Are Human Rights Enforced?

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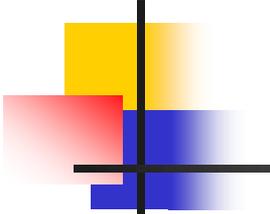
- **1. National and local laws**
- **2. UN Treaty Bodies & UN Charter Bodies**
- **3. International Criminal Court**
- **4. Regional Commissions/Courts**
- **5. Public pressure**



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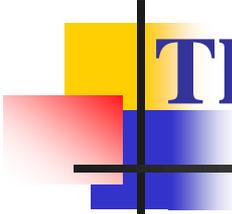
- **Human rights Treaties (Legal Agreements)**
- **Conventions (Int'l Agreements),**
- **Covenants (Formal Agreements)**
- **Declarations (Proclamations; Announcements)**
  - **Contain detailed lists and definitions of human rights and obligations of the State**



# Can HR Ever Be Taken Away?

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- No one can have their human rights **completely** ‘taken away’ – even if they have not met their responsibilities or have compromised the rights of others.
- **Some human rights are absolute**, which means they can never be limited or restricted, in any circumstances – (e.g. The right not to be tortured or treated in an inhuman or degrading way)
- However, **the majority of human rights are not absolute** and can be limited or restricted in certain circumstances. (e.g. If someone writes hate speech inciting murder against an ethnic group, their freedom of expression may be limited to ensure the safety of others).

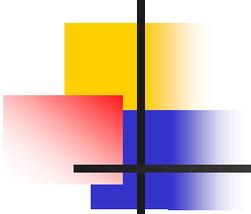


# The International Bill of Human Rights

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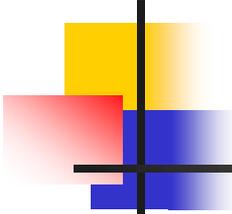
- **The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR, 1948)**
- **The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (1966)**
- **The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1966)**
- **7 Other HR Treaties**



# UDHR and Treaties

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- The fundamental rights and freedoms outlined in the UDHR are expressed in international human rights treaties that are **legally binding on states that agree to them**, including the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. In total there are **9 core UN human rights treaties**.

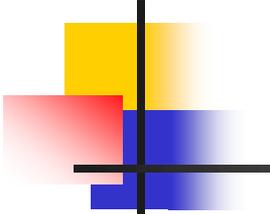


## 9 UN HR Treaties

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- 1. The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)**
- 2. The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)**
- 3. The Convention Against Torture (CAT)**
- 4. The Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)**
- 5. The Convention on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD)**

*P.S. These treaties contain some, but not all, of the rights expressed in the UDHR.*



## 9 UN HR Treaties... 2

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6. **The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)**
7. **The International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of all Migrant Workers and Members of their Families**

### **Recently Added:**

8. **The International Convention for the Protection of all Persons from Enforced Disappearances**
9. **The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)**

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# UN HR Treaties ... 3

**UNIVERSAL DECLARATION  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS (1948)  
[UNGA RESOLUTION]**

**INTERNATIONAL BILL  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

**INTERNATIONAL  
COVENANT ON  
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND  
CULTURAL RIGHTS (149)**

**INTERNATIONAL  
COVENANT ON  
CIVIL AND POLITICAL  
RIGHTS (152)**

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION ON  
THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF  
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION (169)**

**CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION  
OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION  
AGAINST WOMEN (177)**

**CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE  
AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING  
TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT (136)**

**CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS  
OF THE CHILD (192)**

**International Convention on the Protection of  
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Members of Their Families (MWC), (34)**

**International Convention on the Protection of  
All Persons from Enforced Disappearances**

**The Convention on the Rights of Persons  
with Disabilities**

# The 9 Core UN HR Treaties

## Treaty, Year Adopted, No. of States & Monitoring Body

- 1. International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), 1966 & 155 States**
  - **Human Rights Committee**
- 2. International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), 1966 & 152 States**
  - **Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**
- 3. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD), 1965 & 170 States**
  - **Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination**
- 4. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), 1979 & 181 States**
  - **Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women**

# The 9 Core UN HR Treaties ... 2

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| <b>5. Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CAT), 1984 &amp; 141 States</b>                     | <b>■ Committee Against Torture</b>            |
| <b>6. Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), 1989 &amp; 192 States</b>                                                                        | <b>■ Committee on the Rights of the Child</b> |
| <b>7. International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families (MWC), 1990 &amp; 34 States</b> | <b>■ Committee on Migrant Workers</b>         |

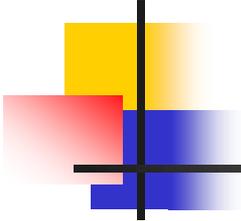
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| <b>9. The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</b>                              | <b>■ Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities</b>                    |

**Source:** United Nations Treaties Database, <http://untreaty.un.org/English/access.asp> (2006) All countries have ratified at least one of the 7 core UN HR Treaties, and 80% have ratified four or more.

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