

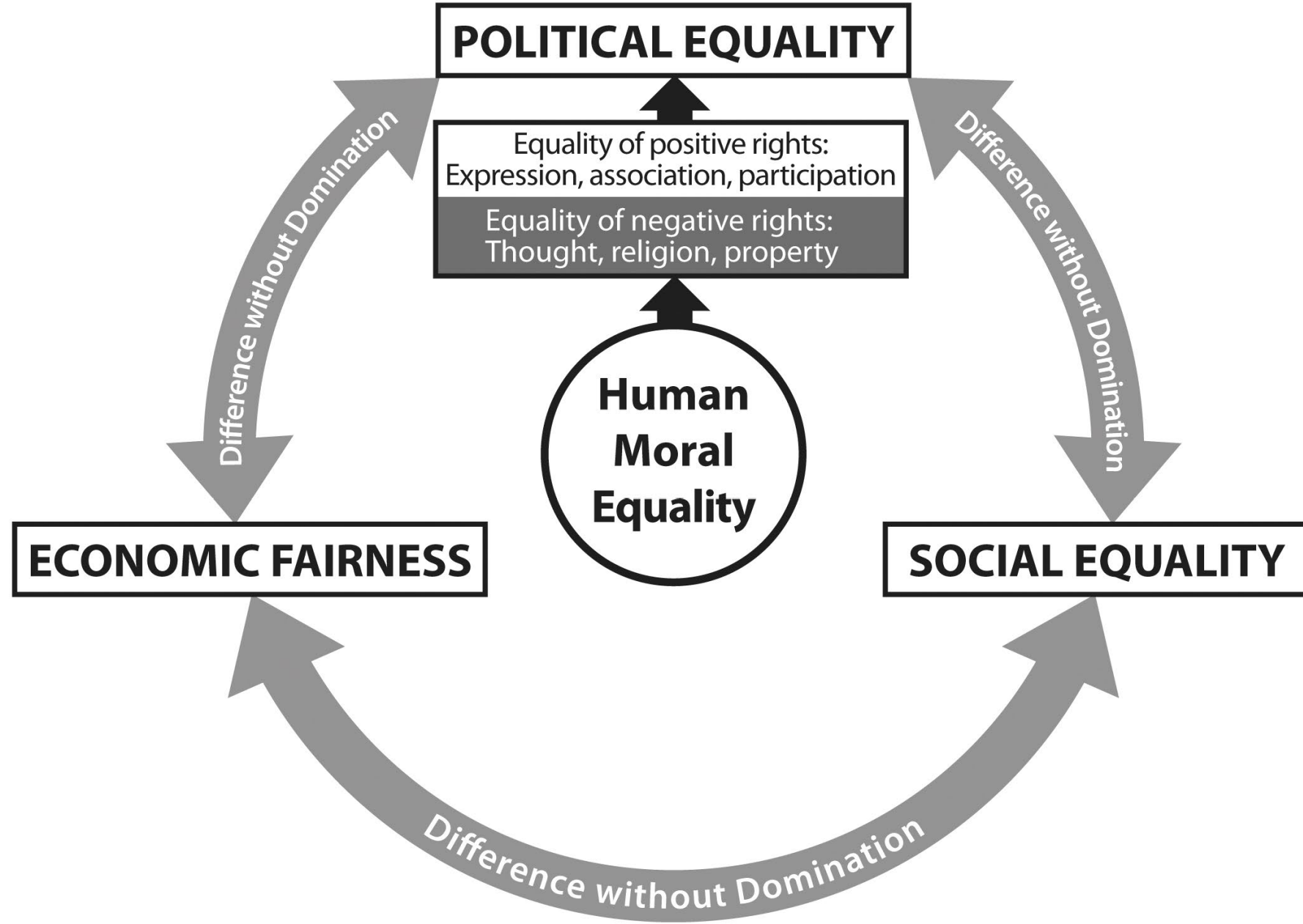
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The Political Economy of
the New Gilded Age



Repeal of the Corn Laws

George Marshall, June 4, 1947

- Our policy is directed not against any country or doctrine but against hunger, poverty, desperation and chaos. Its purpose should be the revival of a working economy in the world so as to permit the emergence of political and social conditions in which free institutions can exist.

What sort of political
economy supports
egalitarian
empowerment of the
citizenry?

Some features:

Labor market without job lock → universal access healthcare system w portability.

Democratic forms of governance in operations of corporations and employers (cf. Elizabeth Anderson); e.g. a seat at the decision-making table for labor as in Germany.

Immigration policies designed to maximize labor mobility without undercutting pathways to citizenship; e.g. sponsorship model as in Canada.

Housing & transportation policies to restore labor mobility.

Production focused policies that focus on creation of good jobs, defined as jobs that leave people with the time and equip them with the resources needed to support civic participation.

Education that supports, instead of suppressing, civic participation.

Restored role for fiscal policy; increased structures of democratic accountability for monetary policy.

Stakeholder capitalism.

What these features share:

Don't start with redistribution.