

**TAKING A STAND: THE EVOLUTION OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS**

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### **A Short History of Human Rights**

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Most societies have had traditions similar to the "golden rule" of "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. For that reason, many people have felt that the recognition of a new category of human rights is necessary: The advance of science. TheMissingHumanRights. Trials were held in Nuremberg and Tokyo after World War II, and officials from the defeated countries were punished for committing war crimes, "crimes against peace," and "crimes against humanity. They became increasingly a subject of international recognition with the effects of early industrialisation and the rise of a working class.

Doyoualwaysdowhatyouhavesaidyouwilldo?TheBush-Cheneyyears eroded the Council of Europe responded to some of these challenges with a new international treaty: The first claim often made is that social and economic rights are neither realistic nor realisable, at least in the short term, and that we should move towards them only gradually.