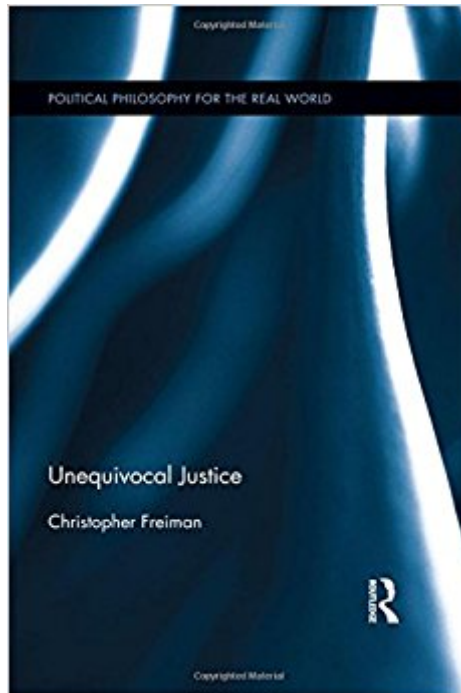




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Liberal egalitarianism is the dominant view in contemporary political philosophy. Take John Rawls. Rawls's theory of justice has been extraordinarily influential. Rawls thinks that justice requires the protection of basic liberties, fair equality of opportunity, and limits on economic inequalities. But, in addition to offering a philosophical theory of justice, Rawls and other liberal egalitarians propose institutions and public policies too. They tend to favor large-scale state redistribution of income and wealth, and extensive regulation of markets. In this concise and well-written book, Christopher Freiman offers a devastating critique of liberal egalitarian institutional analysis. Freiman shows that liberal egalitarians have double standards when it comes to markets. They assume that public officials are impartial and morally motivated, while market actors are selfish and prone to corruption. Philosophers assume that market actors act badly and public officials will do the right thing. But there is no good reason to make these assumptions. And, once we abandon this double standard, egalitarian arguments against libertarian institutions crumble. The basic idea is this: once we compare free market to state institutions on the assumption that people behave roughly the same in both domains, the case for free markets looks better. Here is an example. Liberal egalitarians argue that states should redistribute income and decrease inequality in order to protect the fair value of political liberty. They worry that, if there is a great deal of inequality, then rich people will use their resources to shape the political process. Fair enough. But why is state redistribution the answer to this problem? If rich people can corrupt the political process, then empowering the state to redistribute more income will give people even greater incentive to distort the political process for their own ends. After all, people will have greater incentive to capture the state if it controls more resources. So, the egalitarian solution only works if we think that state actors are more just and impartial than private ones. And, since that's likely false, redistribution isn't necessarily a good policy. Freiman doesn't claim that libertarian institutional proposals are better than egalitarian ones. Instead, Freiman thinks we need a great deal of empirical evidence to decide one way or the other. We can't rule out libertarian (or egalitarian) policies a priori. To sum up, this is very clear and well-argued book. It's also fun and easy to read, at least for those with some background in political philosophy. The downside is the absurd cost of the book. Like other

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