

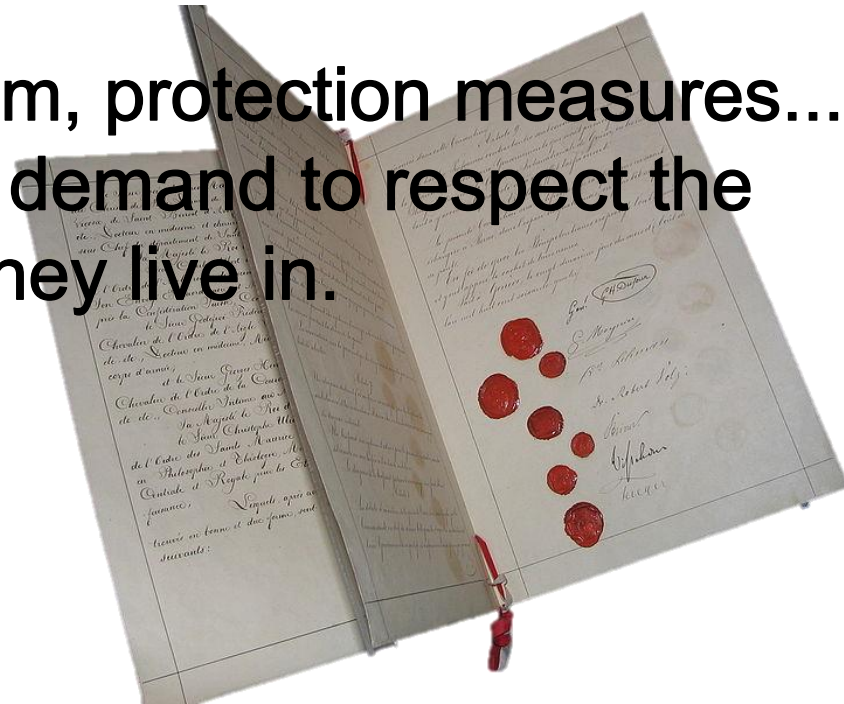



VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS




Human rights

- It's a concept, according to which every human being is entitled to certain rights, the source of which is the inherent dignity of the human.
- Human rights are the freedom, protection measures... All people should be able to demand to respect the rights from the society that they live in.





Many people seem to think that the problem of human rights violation exists only in poor countries, the so-called „Third World”, where children are forced to superhuman work without pay. But it turns out that not only there are human rights routinely violated. It is true that even in our country basic rights are not respected, which is associated with enormous suffering and pain of many people.



In Poland, there are not many serious cases of violating basic human rights.

We have to deal only with incidents which are not of a mass scale. Nevertheless, also such cases are dealt with by international organizations.

Examples of most common human rights violations in Poland

- ❑ Bullying
- ❑ Racism (e.g. against Gypsies)
- ❑ Intolerance against homosexuals
- ❑ Religious intolerance
- ❑ Discrimination

We all know that human rights were widely violated during World War II - the Holocaust, and later by the totalitarian states.

At present many countries are democratic and people's rights are generally respected.



However, there are exceptions. People of other races, nationalities, religions or views are sometimes harassed by others who are not tolerant. For example, people with black skin were badly perceived a few years ago. Now the situation is better.



Gypsy people



- Many cases of violence are against Gypsies. Hate and physical attacks - kindled by the former communist regimes of Eastern Europe - have intensified in recent years. Gypsies are discriminated against in matters of education, employment, health care and social services. Often governments do nothing to ensure that the basic human rights of minorities are respected.

Causes of human rights

violations

The causes of human rights violations can be very different. This is mainly due to the diversity and differences between the individual countries. The reasons may be: political, religious, racial, or the need to choose the lesser evil. Which of the rights are broken, depends on the state and its political system.



Ways to solve the problem of human rights violation

United Nations deals with human rights violation. This organization is specially appointed to look after and respect the rights and freedom.



Many of the European countries have ratified a number of international agreements and the adoption of control procedures so that human rights were respected as much as possible.



What should we do when human rights are violated?

1. Ombudsman

Ombudsman upholds the rights and freedoms of man and citizen. Every citizen of the Republic of Poland can ask him for help. A foreigner, a legal person, as well as community organizations and local government authorities, if they consider that their rights have been violated, they can report the case. If anyone wants to report a case to the Ombudsman, they have to send him an appropriate application first.

2. Helsinki Human Rights Foundation

It is a non-governmental organization to which you report any case of human rights violations and which can help you when you need help in writing a request to other organizations and bodies dealing with this type of issues (e.g. the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg).

3. Common Courts

If you plan to have a case dealt with at court, go to the lawyer and discuss with him the situation. Legal regulations are complicated procedures and each step should be consulted with a specialist in this field



4. Constitutional Court

If you get a judgment based on a piece of legislation that you think is not compatible with human rights, help can be provided by the Constitutional Court. Anyone has the right to send a complaint to the Constitutional Court if they think that their rights or freedoms have been violated, but only after trying all legal means, and within 3 months from the date of delivery of the judgment. Turning to the Court, however, you need to use the services of a lawyer, as only they can draw up an appropriate action.



Be tolerant!

„We do not have to accept other people's beliefs ... but we have to accept the rights of others to their ownership.” - Jodi Picoult

**„Tolerance does not mean that I like someone that is different. Tolerance is when you do not throw a knife at someone not good for you.”
- Wojciech Swidziniewski**

"The right to life is not only a matter of belief, it is not only the religious right, but is a human right." - John Paul II



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