

RIGHTS AND DUTIES (WEEK FOUR)

We must have heard the words right and duties several times because they are two ideas that are very very important to us as citizens here in Nigeria as well as the citizens of all the countries of the world . What are rights and duties.. Rights refer to the basic freedoms, privileges and opportunities which all human beings are supposed to enjoy as citizens of countries. While Duties refer to those tasks and responsibilities which all citizens are expected to give to their countries. A major difference between rights and duties is that rights are given to citizens by their countries while duties are given to countries by their citizens.

TYPES OF RIGHTS

We have different types of rights. These include:

1. Civil Rights which are the basic rights that people enjoy in their relationship to one another. They include

- right to life
- right to own property
- -right to freedom of expression
- right to freedom of movement
- right to freedom of thought
- Right to freedom of association

2. Economic Rights : These are rights that help citizens to participate in the economic activities of the country. Some of these rights are right to freedom of choice, right to seek redress, right to safe products, right to own property etc

3. Social rights: These are the rights that citizens are given to enable them to become free and active members of the society. Examples of social rights are right to education, right to cultural identity, right to free association,

4. Political Rights : these are the rights that make citizens to participate in the governance and administration of the country They are right to vote, right to be voted for, right to peaceful assembly, right to fair hearing,

We must always have it at the back of our minds that all of these rights are important but we can say that the most important right out of all of them is the right to life .

B. Now let's talk about duties. There are many duties that citizens are supposed to perform but the most important one is the duty to obey the laws of the country. Other duties include :

- Duty to pay your taxes
- Duty to respect the national symbols of your country
- Duty to defend the dignity of your country
- Duty to defend your country in times of war

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