Theories of Human Injustice, Human Need, and Human Liberation [Figure]

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(1) Human Injustice

(D) Nature of Human Injustice

Serious Harm
- Significantly impaired social participation (THN)
- Developmental harm, morbidity, mortality, diminished well-being (SDT)

(C) Nature of Human Injustice

State of Wrongfully Unmet Need
- Less than 'minopt' levels of intermediate needs (THN) and/or psychological need nutrients (SDT) produce the following:
  - Sub-optimum physical health and/or autonomy (THN)
  - Unmet psychological needs for autonomy, competence, and relatedness (SDT)

(B) Mechanisms of Human Injustice

Systematic Inequality of Opportunity to Access Need Satisfiers
- Systematic inequality in opportunities to access culturally specific need satisfiers due to unique and/or overlapping social mechanisms of one or more unjust social systems:
  - Oppression
  - Mechanistic Dehumanization
  - Exploitation

(A) Sources of Human Injustice

Necessary Conditions
- 1 or more of 3 unjust social systems
  - Oppression
  - Mechanistic Dehumanization
  - Exploitation

(2) Human Need

Universal Goal: Participation (THN)

Avoidance of Serious Harm
- Minimally impaired participation (THN)*
- Eudaimonic well-being (SDT)**

*Theory of Human Need (THN)
**Self-Determination Theory (SDT)

Basic Need

THN:
- Optimum level of physical health

SDT:
- Autonomy
- Competence
- Relatedness

Intermediate Needs (THN)

A 'minopt' level of:
- Adequate nutritional food/water
- Adequate protective housing
- Non-hazardous work environment
- Non-hazardous physical environment
- Appropriate health care
- Security in childhood
- Significant primary relationships
- Physical security
- Economic security
- Safe birth control and child bearing
- Basic education

Cross-Cultural Education (THN)

Critical Autonomy (THN)

(Doyal and Gough, 1991)

Self-Determined Behavior (SDT)

(Deci and Ryan 2002; 20)

Enhanced human capacity for psychological growth, engagement, and wellness (Ryan and Deci 2017)

Specific Satisfiers (Culturally Specific) (THN & SDT)

Universal Pre-Conditions

THN:
- Production, reproduction, cultural transmission, political authority

SDT:
- Proximal social contexts, pervasive social, economic and political influences

Preconditions for Optimisation (THN)

(Universal Human Rights)
- Freedoms from: Civil/political rights
- Freedoms to: Rights to need satisfiers
- Political Participation

(3) Human Liberation

Universal Goal: Liberation (THN)

Critical participation in chosen form of life (THN)

Maximal performance and well-being (SDT)