

Assholes

Assholes and fully cooperative people have very different moral views of what their respective entitlements are.

To bring out the differences, compare the point of view of “fully cooperative” people.

Fully cooperative people, we may say, *see themselves as equals, as having grounds for special treatment only in special circumstances that others equally enjoy at the appropriate times.*

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The asshole, by contrast, sees no need for special circumstances to come his way in the normal course of things.

Aaron James, *Assholes: A Theory*