

Assholes

Our theory is simply this:
a person counts as an *asshole* when,
and only when, he systematically allows
himself to enjoy special advantages in
interpersonal relations out of an entrenched
sense of entitlement that immunizes him
against the complaints of other people.

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We are looking for (1) a stable trait of
character, (2) that leads a person to impose
only small or moderate material costs on
others, (3) but that nevertheless qualifies
the person as morally repugnant.

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The asshole takes himself to be
justified in enjoying special advantages.

Aaron James, *Assholes: A Theory*