

Political inequality

If exact equality of influence is not a plausible aim, what else might political equality mean concretely?

One answer is this:

a roughly equal likelihood of getting the policy that serves one's interests.

If one loses, it is not because one's interests are systematically neglected (let alone that one's standing in the polity is systematically undermined); rather, it was tough luck that one lost this round.

In other words, loss does not equal evidence of systematic disadvantage or of lack of standing.

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