

# RIGHTS

VS.

# PRIVILEGES

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An analysis of two powerful privileged interests that have deprived us of fundamental rights

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*One can have a privilege only by depriving other men of a portion of their rights. Consequently a reign of justice will consist in the destruction of every privilege and the restitution of every right.*

—Patrick Dove, 1850

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To those who share my belief that we are capable of achieving a far more just society than what we have achieved so far and who are willing to keep working toward that goal.

*The rights of men in society are neither divisible nor transferable nor annihilable, but are descendable only; and it is not in the power of any generation to intercept finally and cut off the descent. If the present generation, or any other, are disposed to be slaves, it does not lessen the right of the succeeding generation to be free; wrongs cannot have a legal descent.*

—Thomas Paine

*Do not imagine that the Parliaments and Courts of oppressors will ever right the wrongs of the oppressed. They exist for no such purpose ... Take the redress of your own wrongs into your own hands, as you are abundantly able to do, if you are only united, determined, and have clear ideas of your rights, and of what is needed to secure them.*

—Lysander Spooner