

THE PERSPECTIVE OF FREEDOM

THE
DURE!
SOUT
PALE!

DOESN'T IT ALL COME
DOWN TO MONEY, IN
THE END?

HAVING ENOUGH
INCOME? EH?

YOU NEED WEALTH
TO ENJOY THE
'GOOD LIFE'!

WELL, IT DOES AND IT DOESN'T!
WEALTH IS ONLY USEFUL TO
ALLOW YOU TO DO SOMETHING
ELSE...



AT CAN
ACTION
YARE
?...
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MPLE
HAT?

... WHAT REALLY COUNTS
IS BEING FREE TO DO
WHAT YOU WANT TO
DO!

IF YOU ARE CAPABLE
OF DOING SOMETHING?

YES! THAT'S THE KEY - CAPABILITY!
WHAT A PERSON CHOOSES TO BE
AND TO DO, ALONG WITH OTHERS
TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS IN
LIFE, TO FULFILL THEMSELVES!

SO WHAT IS
ALL THIS...
DEVELOPMENT
FOR, THEN?



ADVANCE
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RAL!

I MEAN, IF IT ISN'T
ABOUT MAKING MONEY
AND PERSUING ONLY
ECONOMIC GROWTH, WHY
DOES IT HAPPEN?

HOW DOES IT
HAPPEN, EVEN?

ECONOMIC GROWTH CAN'T BE
AN END IN ITSELF - THAT'S JUST
GREED! INSTEAD, IT SHOULD BE
TO ENHANCE THE LIVES WE LEAD...

... AND THE
FREEDOMS
WE DESERVE
- ALL OF US!



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BOTH
THEIR
HERE!
IS ALL
Y THE
FACE!

SEN SAYS THAT BEING POOR
IN A RICH COUNTRY, CAN BE
A HANDICAP, JUST LIKE
LIVING IN A
POOR COUNTRY!

ECON YES, THAT'S TRUE! EVEN THOUGH THEIR INCOMES ARE
HIGHER! SO, WHILE POVERTY IS SIMPLY A SHORTAGE
OF INCOME, THAT IS NOT ALL IT IS!

YES, THAT MEN IN HARLEM, USA,
DON'T LIVE AS LONG AS MEN IN
KERALA, INDIA, FOR EXAMPLE!

WHAT ELSE
CAN IT BE?



THE UNFREEDOM OF THE POOR CAN ALSO MEAN LITTLE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE, OR CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION, OR TO FUNCTIONAL EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT...



...EVEN IN RICH COUNTRIES! BUT IT SEEMS TO AFFLICT WOMEN MORE THAN MEN, ALL OVER THE WORLD!

BECAUSE OF THE BASIC INEQUALITY BETWEEN WOMEN AND MEN, IN SO MANY COUNTRIES... DESPITE ALL THE HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS!



THIS INEQUALITY SEVERELY RESTRICTS THE SUBSTANTIVE FREEDOMS THAT WOMEN ENJOY. BASIC FREEDOMS!



ALL DENIALS OF CIVIL RIGHTS AND THE PRACTICE OF DEMOCRACY ARE UNFAIR! ECONOMIC SECURITY, ITSELF, CAN OFTEN BE THREATENED BY THE LACK OF THESE RIGHTS!



YES! SEN SAYS THAT NO FAMINE HAS EVER OCCURED IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD, IN A FUNCTIONING DEMOCRACY!



HE SAYS MORE THAN THAT...

"But—most fundamentally—political liberty and civil freedoms are directly important on their own, and do not have to be justified indirectly in terms of their effects on the economy."

Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom*, 1999, p.16.



...EVEN WHEN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ARE GOOD, PEOPLE NEED THESE FREEDOMS TO AVOID ANY DEPRIVATION IN THEIR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LIVES!



SO, THIS HAPPENS IN TWO WAYS... THIS ACQUISITION OF FREEDOM...



...AND INVOLVES PROCESSES THAT ALLOW FREEDOM OF ACTION AND DECISIONS...

...AND THE ACTUAL OPPORTUNITIES THAT PEOPLE HAVE, GIVEN THEIR SOCIAL AND PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES.



YES! WE COME BACK TO THE NEED TO ENHANCE THE 'CAPABILITIES' OF PEOPLE TO LIVE THE LIVES THEY WANT AND VALUE!



THIS CAN BE DONE BY PUBLIC POLICY - BUT ALSO, WITH THESE FREEDOMS, THE PEOPLE THEMSELVES CONTRIBUTE TO THE FORMATION OF PUBLIC POLICY!



IT'S SO OBVIOUS, ISN'T IT? AND, IT WOULD BE SO GOOD! EH?



YOU WOULD THINK SO, BUT SO FAR THE IMPORTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM IN THE CONCEPT OF DEVELOPMENT...



... HAS NOT BEEN WIDELY RECOGNISED AMONG DECISION-MAKERS OF THE WORLD!



WHY ON EARTH NOT? EH?

THERE ARE TWO REASONS FOR THE CRUCIAL IMPORTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM IN THE CONCEPT OF DEVELOPMENT. THE FIRST IS EVALUATION - HOW YOU LOOK AT IT!



THEY DON'T GET IT!

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT INDIVIDUAL FREEDOMS ARE IMPORTANT, YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT MORE THINGS THAN JUST UTILITY, REAL INCOMES, AND FORMAL LIBERTIES!



AND THEY DON'T!

AND THE SECOND REASON?



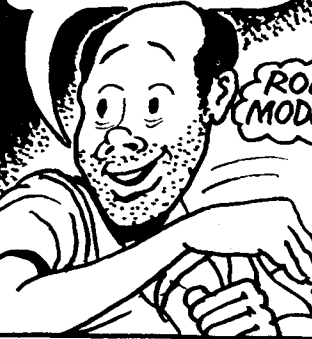
"The second reason for taking substantive freedom to be so crucial is that freedom is not only the basis of evaluation of success and failure, but it is also the principal determinant of individual and social effectiveness. Greater freedom enhances the ability of people to help themselves and also to influence the world, and these matters are central to the process of development. The concern here relates to what we may call...the 'agency aspect' of the individual."

Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom*, 1999, p.18.

INDIVIDUALS AS 'AGENTS'? SPIES? INVESTIGATORS? INFORMERS?



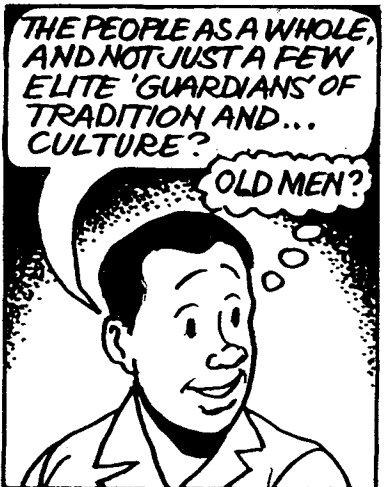
NO! NO! NO! JUST ORDINARY PEOPLE AS 'AGENTS OF CHANGE'! HEH!



ROLE MODELS!

PEOPLE WHO CAN ACTUALLY DO THINGS! PEOPLE WHOSE PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS CAN BE ADMIRABLE, TO INSPIRE AND INFLUENCE OTHERS!





“The motivation underlying the approach of ‘development as freedom’ is not so much to order all states—or all alternative scenarios—into one ‘complete ordering’, but to draw attention to important aspects of the process of development, each of which deserves attention.”

Amartya Sen, *Development as Freedom*, 1999, p.33.

NOW, WE EXPLAIN THE FIVE FREEDOMS!