

How should we think about queue-jumping?

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Rights and Queues: Some background

- Rights
 - A “rights revolution” in law and politics
 - New developments: economic and social rights
- Queues
 - A common sense backdrop to health care, wait lists, triage, rationing, access and priority systems
 - Now embedded within rights (not just health care)
 - housing/education/immigration/affirmative action

The Conceptual Questions

- Rights
 - Prohibit queues
 - Permit queues
 - Require queues
- Queues
 - Institute rights (where permitted or required)
 - Create rights (a place in the queue)
 - Displace rights (those otherwise seeking access)

The Queue as a Concept

- Allocate scarce resources
 - differentiated ways
- Uphold values
 - Fairness - equality and desert
 - Order not chaos
 - Social integration, trust, cooperation
- Invitation to self-sanction
 - Queue-talk

South Africa's queue talk



Australia's queue talk



Canada's queue talk



How should we think about queue jumping?

- Unresolved questions
 - Order versus corruption
 - Command versus markets
 - “Accountable” deliberation versus courts
- Obscured questions
 - First order questions
- Stakes
 - Politics of waiting/ enmity