

Nozick's Sufficiencyarian Provisos

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Abstract: The paper claims that Nozick's well-known Lockean proviso limiting appropriation and transfer can be interpreted as a sufficiencyarian standard of distributive justice. In particular, it is shown that Nozick offers two different accounts of how the proviso works, and of when it limits appropriation. The second, implicit, account can be used to rebut some well-known objections to Nozick's theory.

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