

# La meritocrazia è di sinistra. Risposte ai miei critici

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*Meritocracy as a Socialist Program. Replies to my Critics*

*Abstract:* All contemporary philosophers who reject the meritocratic program assume that moral desert is the only kind of desert relevant to distributive justice. Absent such assumption, most arguments against meritocracy become ineffectual, as I show in my *Il complotto contro il merito*. My critics seem to miss this point. In countering their criticisms, I point out that the meritocratic program originally had a distinctive socialist ring of which they seem to be unaware.

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