# The Distributive Justice Game: A Classroom Exercise to Teach Principles of Justice

The Distributive Justice Game is a classroom exercise designed to effectively teach core principles of resource allocation and fairness.

Distributive justice principles focus on one goal, a fair and just distribution of goods amongst a society. However, each principle claims to reach this goal through many different approaches.

Researchers at Purdue University have developed an interactive computer program that helps students understand a variety of principles of distributive justice and an important approach to determining the best principle. This interactive game allows students to explore seven different principles of justice and bargain amongst classmates to determine suitable principles. This program uses the selected principle of justice to simulate the distribution of a scarce resource.

## Advantages:

- -Compare seven different possible principles of justice
- -Bargain with classmates to establish your group's preferred principle of justice
- -Elimination of the self-interest factor

Potential Applications:

- -Primary and secondary education
- -Educational game

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