

**COMMENT BY HILLEL STEINER ON KNOW IT ALL**

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Steiner, author of the prize-winning book "An Essay on Rights", says that an unconditional basic income (UBI) funded by land value taxation (LVT) may create consensus among Left and Right political parties.

Steiner writes: "Opportunities to link the demands of justice with those of economic efficiency are rare enough, and it would therefore be a great pity to forgo them when they are found."

Steiner argues that UBI is a demand for justice because there is no assessment of recipients' personal circumstances. He also argues that LVT is economically efficient because the levy, unlike property taxes, disregards the value of buildings, personal property and other improvements to the site.

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