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Having to wear these mental and physical handicaps, I feel shut out and frustrated I know this is for equality, but I feel closed. Harrison Bergeron's rebellion gives me a spark of hope, what is freedom? We can't use the word freedom here. But I hope one day I'm free from these restrictions. What would be my potential without these restraints, what would I even do? Would I be amazing or seen as a threat? I hope one day the rebellion helps us all, I wish to be free.

Arguments against the government in an egalitarian society

- **Limitation of freedom**, the government regulates the laws and restricts freedom hiding it in the name of "being good" There can be some necessary restrictions but in an egalitarian society everyone should have the freedom to choose.
- **More likely to have more government abuse**, power would be more abused in an egalitarian society. They can exploit the system by not checking the balance of power of the government. And the danger of becoming authoritarian undermining egalitarianism.
- **Unequal representation**, some groups would be not represented, like how some policies can favor other groups and diminish others. In a truly egalitarian society everyone's voices should be heard but the government wouldn't be able to do this 100%.

Name 3 benefits of a totally egalitarian society

Egalitarianism is a philosophical perspective that emphasizes equality and equal treatment across gender, religion, economic status, and political beliefs. Egalitarianism may focus on income inequality and distribution, which are ideas that influenced the development of various economic and political systems.

- **With more creativity,** Everyone has access to resources and opportunities that can lead to greater innovation and more advances in society.
- **More social cohesion,** Everyone is equal in this society so they would have more community or belonging as well as helping each other out.
- **Fairness and justice,** Everyone would be treated equally no matter what. This leads to more fairness in society.

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