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As the Left searches for a 'big idea' with which to take the intellectual high ground, Sir Ralf Dahrendorf explains his concept of citizenship and entitlements which will embrace the whole of society

Decade of the citizen

John Keane: Have you been surprised by the Thatcher government's role as active citizenship?

Ralf Dahrendorf: Not particularly. The trend has been restricted to Britain, in the hope that the language and the social connotations of the word would be understood. But it is not clear that the government has done anything to cover it. The conservatives did not seem to know what to do. They wanted to use the word. They thought it would be a useful slogan. The question is whether it is a useful slogan. It is not clear that the government has done anything to cover it. The conservatives did not seem to know what to do. They wanted to use the word. They thought it would be a useful slogan. The question is whether it is a useful slogan.

JK: Which "three rights and entitlements" have you in mind?

RD: There are three sets of rights which have found their way into the public consciousness. They are: the right to a fair trial, the right to a fair trial, the right to a fair trial.

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