

Moral Progress in History

Many people do not realize the extent to which human beings have actually achieved moral progress in our history. The following are examples:

1. Women's right to vote
2. Universal education
3. Ever-increasing and ever-widening democracy with more and more democracies worldwide and with initiative, referendum and recall and 18-year-old right to vote in some countries
4. Legal abolition of slavery (although there are still an estimated 27 million slaves throughout the world today)
5. Abolition of death penalty in 72 countries
6. Efforts to abolish child labor
7. Efforts to support unions and union demands
8. Creation of the United Nations in San Francisco, 1945
9. Ratification of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948
10. Creation of International Criminal Court, 2003
11. According civil rights, civil unions, and marriages to gays and lesbians
12. Ever-increasing rights accorded to discriminated-against groups in civil rights legislation and amendments to civil rights legislation