

Is this Fair?

Let's work through a series of real-life situations and imagined scenarios to establish...is this fair?



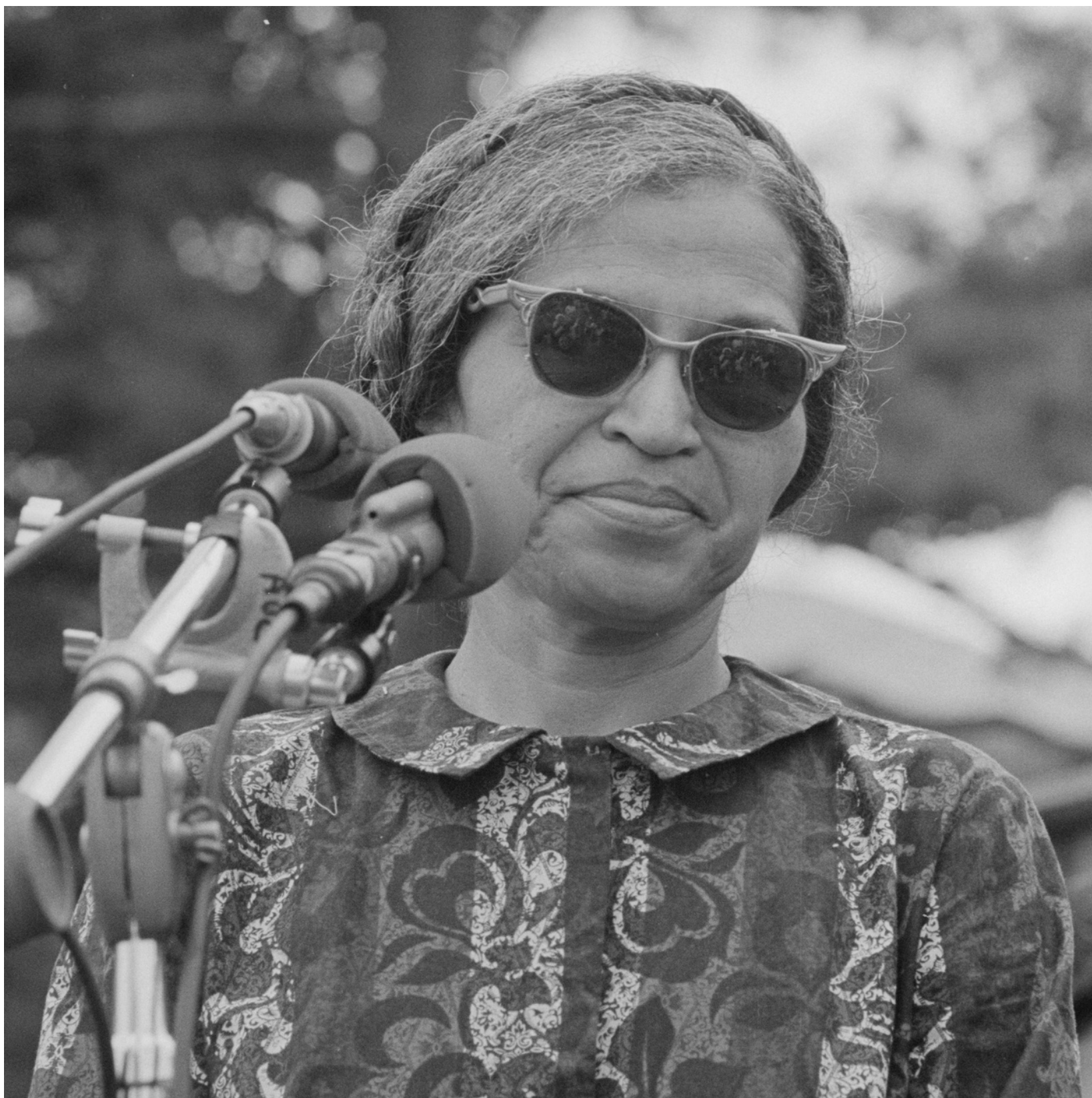


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Rosa Parks

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks boarded a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Instead of going to the back of the bus designated for African Americans, she sat in the front. When the bus started to fill up with white passengers, the bus driver asked Parks to move. She refused...Her actions were not without consequence. She was jailed for refusing to give up her seat.

“People always say that I didn’t give up my seat because I was tired, but that isn’t true. I was not tired physically, or no more tired than I usually was at the end of a working day. I was not old, although some people have an image of me as being old then. I was forty-two. No, the only tired I was, was tired of giving in.”

[National Women's History Museum](#)

([womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/rosa-parks](https://www.womenshistory.org/education-resources/biographies/rosa-parks))

1901

In 1901 the Commonwealth of Australia was formed. Indigenous Australians were excluded from the census and the lawmaking powers of the Commonwealth Parliament.

Indigenous people were also excluded from the vote, pensions, employment in post offices, enlistment in Armed Forces, and maternity allowance.

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Volleyball Uniforms

Norway's women's beach handball team has been fined for refusing to play in bikini bottoms during a game... The team wore thigh-length elastic shorts during their bronze medal match against Spain. The team was fined 1500 euros total (\$A2410) for "improper clothing,".

While male players are allowed to play in tank tops and shorts no longer than 10cm above the knee, women are required to wear midriff-baring tops and bikini bottoms "with a close fit and cut on an upward angle toward the top of the leg" and a maximum side width of 10cm, according to International Handball Federation regulations.

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Carly Findlay

Carly Findlay has spoken out about being rejected by a taxi driver because of her skin condition.

Findlay, who is also a writer and public speaker, had just celebrated her 38th birthday with friends in Melbourne last night when she tried to catch a taxi home.

However, when Findlay tried to get into the Black & White cab, the driver asked her what happened to her face and said he didn't want her in his car as "he'd have to clean it".

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Meet Michael

Michael is in a wheelchair. In PE they are playing basketball. His electric wheelchair isn't very good for playing sports, and he's too low down to shoot in the basketball hoop.

He gets picked last for a team every time, and the other kids have stopped passing the ball to him. He told the teacher he doesn't want to go to PE class anymore.



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Meet Lara

Lara loves soccer and tried out for the regional team. Much to her excitement, she was chosen to be a member of the team!

But then she found out that she needed \$3000 to pay for her uniform, registration, insurance, travel and accommodation for the tournament. Her parents couldn't afford to pay, so she had to give up her spot and missed out.



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Meet James

James loves netball and has played since he was 8. This year he turned 12 and was told that there aren't any mixed netball competitions anymore and that the girls have to play with the girls, and the boys have to play against other boys. Unfortunately, where he lives, there isn't a boys' team.



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Meet Cecilia

Cecilia loves acting classes and drama. She tried out for the lead role in the school play of Beauty and the Beast and thought she did a really good job in the audition. When the roles were announced Cecilia was disappointed to find out that she didn't get any role at all.

When she went to speak to the Drama teacher, he explained to her that Beauty and the Beast was set in France and because she was Chinese she couldn't be in the play because she didn't look French. He suggested maybe she could help out by being a stage hand and making the scenery.



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