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I think he meant the First Amendment rights, the rights that are found in the Civil and Political Covenant and the Universal Declaration. Fair enough? I think that's what he meant. I don't think he was comfortable with economic rights because of acts of communism, I suppose. He was very comfortable with civil and political rights; right to assembly, right to speech, right to association, right to religion—that was his human rights.

*Engle:* Did you ever talk to him about economic and social rights?

*Eldridge:* I can't remember specifically having a conversation about economic and social rights. I mean, he was a social democrat basically, so he would certainly believe that people have a right to a job, should have a right to make a decent living. But if he were to make a hierarchy of rights I think he would put civil and political above economic and social. Fair enough? But he was a social democrat, basically a neo liberal social democrat, right? I think that's probably what comes out, and at one time in this country that's a pretty radical position to stake out, particularly if you are operating out of the Department of State.