

1973-06-14a [LIFE CHANCES] Life Chances

Physical risk

Plague

Famine

Longevity—importance of tutorship and preserving patrimony

Minimum standard: Family or State?

From community w/o state to family within state to family + state to state w/o family

Once tied to land above all, now to fluid wealth.

Upward Bound: social mobility is possible and actual.

The 3-generation rule seems valid in many different ways

Growth of educational possibilities

Possible upward mobility still today thwarted by inheritance among the super-rich.

Distinguish lateral mobility (self-satisfying) from social mobility

Concept of self in society

Grand & public or obscure & private?

Class consciousness

Lateral mobility gives sense of fulfillment w/o social rise

Cosmological, historical, & religious paradigms

Conception of self & state: meaning of the state to individual varies over centuries, only recently "democratized" (potentially)

What regular outlets for altruism.