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Subject: Re: Debate on Altruism.

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 12 Feb 2009 13:29:42 GMT

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cheesesoda wrote on Wed, 11 February 2009 08:30Oh, give me a break. You cannot possibly think those are two examples of altruism.

Doing something for the good of others and not expecting anything in return still gives someone something in return. A sense of accomplishment, a civic duty fulfilled, or just the joy of giving.

Just because something could have been done instead doesn't change the fact that some benefit was gained. It makes it less practical, maybe, but not altruistic.

That wasn't what you said.

Quote:Then, you're not doing it out of altruism. You're doing it, so that it benefits you in some way. This implies that the reason a good deed is done is to reap the benefits (sense of accomplishment etc) - which is very often false. It certainly is in the two examples I mentioned.

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