The Universal Declaration of Human Rights

The Declaration was written by John Humphrey, a Canadian, and then adopted by the United Nations in 1948. The Declaration includes the following statements that you must read, and then rank in order of importance to *you*. For example, if you believe that, “Everyone has the right to education” is the most important, you would put a “1” in the space provided next to the statement.

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| Human Right | Your Ranking (1-20) |
| All human beings are born free and equal. |  |
| Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and security of person. |  |
| All are equal before the law and are entitled to equal protection of the law. |  |
| No one shall be subjected to arbitrary arrest, detention or exile. |  |
| Everyone is entitled to a fair and public hearing by an independent and impartial tribunal. |  |
| Everyone charged with a criminal offense has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty. |  |
| Everyone has the right to freedom of movement and residence within a country or to leave any country. |  |
| Everyone has the right to a nationality. |  |
| Everyone has the right to marry without any limitation due to race, nationality, or religion. |  |
| Men and women are entitled to equal rights in marriage and divorce. |  |
| Everyone has the right to own property. |  |
| Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience, religion, and expression. |  |
| Everyone has the right to peaceful assembly and association. |  |
| Everyone has the right to work, to favourable conditions of work, and to protection against unemployment. |  |
| Everyone has the right to equal pay for equal work, reasonable working hours, and periodic holidays with pay. |  |
| Everyone has the right to adequate food, clothing, housing, and medical care. |  |
| Everyone has the right to education. |  |
| Everyone has the right to participate in the cultural life of the community and to share in scientific advancement. |  |
| Everyone has a duty to respect the rights and freedoms of others. |  |