

Right to Water, Right to Life

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The Essay discusses the right to water as a fundamental human right. It opens by giving a brief background on the current status of water consumption in the Philippines, with emphasis on the resulting riots and other forms of violence due to water shortage. It then moves on by examining the right to water as a substantive right. This is done by analyzing relevant provisions of the Constitution, analyzing pertinent laws and rules, and by dissecting a string of local jurisprudence.

The Essay also looks into the global consensus on the matter, particularly, the role that the United Nations play in enforcing the right of people to necessary social services that will promote their standard of living and quality of life. It ends by giving a brief discussion on how the depletion of water slowly converts it into a global commodity, most especially with the advent of climate change and increasing population.