

# Equality and Equity

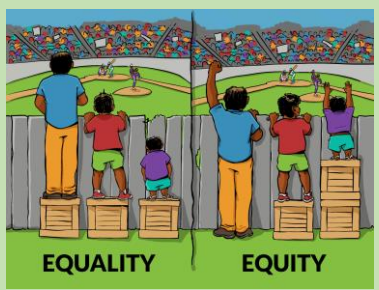
~The Society We Should Seek~

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## 1. What is the difference between Equality and Equity?

**Equality** — Everyone is treated equally with the same support regardless of their original ability/features.

**Equity** — Appropriate support is given to each person with regard to their original ability/features.



People usually pursue “equality”, but is it really the society we seek?

From what perspective is existing policy made?

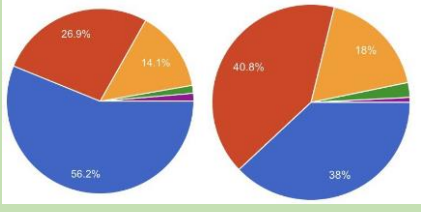
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## 2. Influenced by Information

### 【Method】

We conducted a survey targeting students and teachers at our school using Google Forms. We divided them into several groups and asked the same questions but with different approaches.

**Q. Do you agree with the difference in treatment between men and women?**



- Agree very much
- Agree
- Neither
- Disagree
- Disagree very much

People are often easily lead or influenced by previous information. This can also happen when presented information by the media.

## 3. Rethinking the Election System of Japan

**Q. Do you think that school rules are necessary?**

### 【Method】

We did some calculations based on the data.

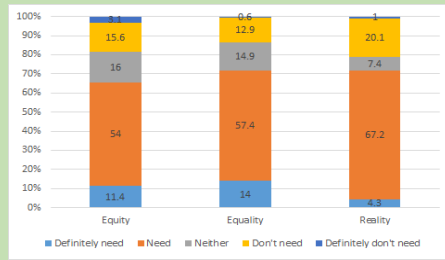
First, we calculated the percentage of each answer by each age group (**Equity**).

Then, we multiplied it by the population ratio (**Equality**)

or by the voting rate by age(**Reality**).

### 【Suggestions for improvement】

- ① Change the value of one vote according to age groups/gender
- ② Adopt a “mandatory voter registration system”
- ③ Make voting a duty
- ④ Decide the age/gender ratio of the members of the Diet



## 4. Conclusion

*Before we can realize a world with more equality or equity, we think that we must consider the influence of the media and rethink the election system. Having equality in elections might not mean equality in the choices the government makes. We need to think outside the box.*