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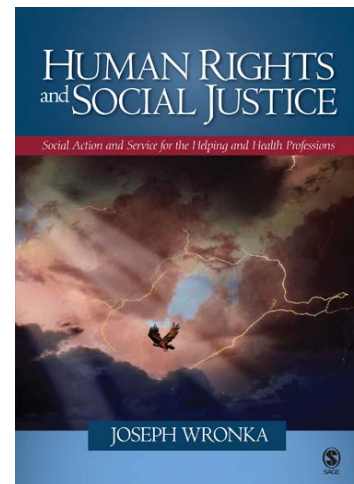
# Human Rights and Social Justice

## Social Action and Service for the Helping and Health Professions

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