

Human Rights in
the Constitution of the Italian Republic
and in Literature



I focussed my attention on 2 articles :

Article 3

- What is its purpose?

The purpose of the article is to express the principle of equality of all citizens. First of all it is a formal equality which is based on the concept that all citizens are equal in front of the law.



Article 37

- What is its purpose?

The purpose of the article is to protect working women, in particular mothers of families, and working minors. It also underlines there are no differences between female workers and male ones.



The Constitution of the Italian republic ARTICLE 3



LA COSTITUZIONE ITALIANA

Art. 3

Tutti i cittadini hanno pari dignità sociale e sono eguali davanti alla legge, senza distinzione di sesso, di razza, di lingua, di religione, di opinioni politiche, di condizioni personali e sociali.

È compito della Repubblica rimuovere gli ostacoli di ordine economico e sociale, che, limitando di fatto la libertà e l'eguaglianza dei cittadini, impediscono il pieno sviluppo della persona umana e l'effettiva partecipazione di tutti i lavoratori all'organizzazione politica, economica e sociale del Paese.

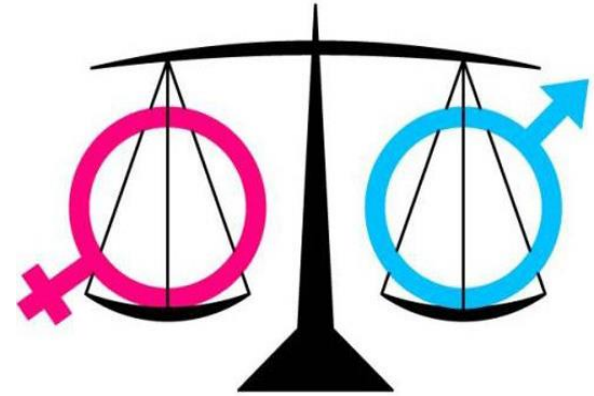
“All citizens have equal social dignity and are equal before the law, without distinction as to sex, race, language, religion, political opinions, or personal or social condition. It is the duty of the Republic to remove those obstacles of an economic and social nature that, by in fact limiting the freedom and equality of citizens, impede the full development of the human person and the effective participation of all workers in the political, economic and social organization of the country.”

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In line with Article 3:

***FRANKISSSTEIN* – J. WINTERSON - 2019**

- Ry's figure urges the reader to go beyond gender differences, considered "medieval issues";
- The iconic sentence "*I am what I am but what I am is not one thing, not one gender. I live with my doubleness*" highlights people's freedom to go beyond sexual differences;



In contrast with Article 3:

***MY LAST DUCHESS* – R. BROWNING - 1845**

In the dramatic monologue the Duke does not respect article 3. Indeed:

- The Duke considers the duchess like an object;
- The Duke's social position and his male gender makes him feel superior to the female gender and to poorer classes.
- The conviction does not respect Article 37
- Social Inequality;

The Constitution of the Italian republic ARTICLE 37

Articolo 37



La donna lavoratrice ha gli stessi diritti e, a parità di lavoro, le stesse retribuzioni che spettano al lavoratore.

Le condizioni di lavoro devono consentire l'adempimento della sua essenziale funzione familiare e assicurare alla madre e al bambino una speciale adeguata protezione.

La legge stabilisce il limite minimo di età per il lavoro salariato.

La Repubblica tutela il lavoro dei minori con speciali norme e garantisce ad essi, a parità di lavoro, il diritto alla parità di retribuzione.

Parte I: DIRITTI E DOVERI DEI CITTADINI
Titolo III: RAPPORTI ECONOMICI

“Working women have the same rights and, for equal work, the same wages as working men. Working conditions must allow women to carry out their essential role in the family and ensure particular and adequate protection for the mother and the child. The law establishes the minimum age for paid labour. The Republic protects the work of minors by means of special provisions and, for equal work, guarantees them the right to equal pay”

C. DICKENS, *OLIVER TWIST* -

- In the second Chapter of *Oliver Twist*, called *Oliver wants some More*, there is the description of the social and sanitary conditions in workhouses.
- There are several rights that are not respected in the passage.
- The most obvious violated article is the 37 th one.

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In contrast with the Article 37:

Articles not respected	Why they are not respected?
Article 37	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workers are forced to work in precarious conditions and not in safety. • Children under the age of 15 and women are exploited to work for more than 10 hours a day
There are also others articles that were not respected:	
Article 32 (Health is a fundamental human right)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workers have poor and insufficient nutrition • Workers have no opportunity to work in healthy environments
Article 36 (Wages have to correspond to the work hours)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excessive working hours does not correspond to the poor wages granted.