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I see nothing in Rawls' system that is not in some way in operation or within the scope of present liberal policies in the United States, conforming to the constitution, the legal and the judicial system. Considering attitude towards minorities, social welfare, public support or education, and so forth, his system is not unreasonable to adapt to the American actuality. One thing is glaringly absent, however: equality of opportunity in terms of equal education and training and openness of positions. This is still enormously blocked in the United States by inheritance of wealth, status and power by a privileged minority. There, clearly, the inequalities that exist do not meet his criterion of being to the benefit of the least advantaged at the same time.