

Is Life Fair?



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Reading

Everyone has a different life, under different conditions. Some are happy, others suffer misfortune. For example, people who are not near their society's ideal norms may be treated unfairly because of their minority positions. Due to lack of money or physical condition, a lot of capable people are denied an opportunity to go to school or get a particular job. The deprived, quite understandably, insist the situation is unfair, that society is skewed in favor of existing standards of income, status or appearance.

On the other hand, opponents argue that the existing system is indeed "fair" as long as the same rules are applied to everyone. Nobody is perfectly fitted for every position in society, everyone has particular strengths and weaknesses. In the long run, the fairest societies are the ones that maximize opportunity for success, while the unfair societies, that apply irrelevant notions of "fitness", tend to disappear over time.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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