INTRODUCTION

• (Importance Of Theory Of Justice)

• Western Political Theory is the theory of justice from Plato to Amartya Sen.
IMPORTANCE OF JOHN RAWLS

• The greatest political philosopher of 20\textsuperscript{th} century.

• If Plato is a father of classical political philosophy Rawls is a father of contemporary political philosophy like Plato, Rawls is also the reference point for all contemporary scholars.
Work of John Rawls

1. In 1958 his article justice and fairness was published.
2. In 1971 his book *A Theory of Justice* was published.
3. In 1993 he is another book political liberalism was published.
Work of John Rawls

4. In 1999 his book the laws of the people was published.
THEORY OF JUSTICE

School Of Thought-
Social-
Liberal
• He is a critique of utilitarianism.

• He is also regarded as egalitarian thinker.
RAWLS METHODOLOGY

• Social Contract to build Political Theory
Influence

1. John Locke
2. Immanuel Kant
CONTEXT OF RAWLS THEORY

• Rawls belong to the time when there were social conflicts going on in American society.
• There was rise of various protest movements like black right movement, women movement, movement for disarmament peace etc.
• Rawls felt that for peaceful and stable society, there is a need to build the society on those principles of justice which everyone finds acceptable.

• Hence, Rawls attempts to give such idea of justice which appears rational to all and acceptable to all.
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Question

- What Is Teleological Theory?
Teleological Theory?

- Teleological Theory is also known as **Consequentialism**.
- It is also called a and state theory
- According to **Bentham**, *In Utilitarian*, it is pleasure and pain are the guiding principles of ethics.
- what person should do and should not depend on consequence or the end state.
Teleological Theory?

- For Example
  - One should follow the policy of honesty if it result in more pleasure and reduce pain.
  - However if it increases pain and reduce pleasure there is no need to be honest.
Teleological Theory?

- According to Bentham, State should go for those policies which increase pleasure and decrease pain.
- Bentham gives the principles of greatest happiness of the greatest numbers.
- For Bentham good is a prior to rights, it means “Right and Wrong to be Decides on the Basis of Good which Means Pleasure”.
Teleological Theory?

- Utilitarianism has been criticized by socialist because it's undermines Human Dignity.
CONTRIBUTION OF RAWLS THEORY

- He wanted to show that utilitarianism is not the fundamental feature of the liberal theory of justice, he trace the Liberal Theory of Justice to the Ideas of Immanuel Kant.
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WHAT IS DEONTOLOGICAL THEORY?

• Believe in some basic values irrespective of the consequences.
• Example-
  • A person believe in the value of honesty.
  • He will continue to be honest even in the situation if such policy creates painful situation for him.
Deontological Theory

• Also Known As Deontological Ethics
• The Term Deontology Is Derived From The Greek "Deon" means "Duty" And "Logos" means "Science"
• Focusess on the rightness or wrongness of actions
• Immanuel Kant : 18th Century German Founder Of Critical Philosophy
• **Immanuel Kant** gave the concept of categorical imperative which can be considered a maxims or some fundamental principles
• which should govern human conduct.
• categorical imperative are based on human reasoning.
Immanuel Kant gave the concept of pure reasons which is free from selfish interest.

One such categorical imperative is human dignity whereas we have to make the principles governing human life.
• The Fundamental Principles which cannot be violated is principle of human dignity from Kant's point of view right is prior to good.
• it means there are some fundamental values which have to be observed irrespective of the consequences.
Rawls also describe his theory as Deontological and Human Dignity has to be the Fundamental Principles.
KANT'S PARAGRAPH

“Justice is the first virtue of social architecture as truth is the first virtue of any system of thought” A Theory how so ever elegant and economical, it may appear must be rejected or revised if it is untrue likewise laws and institution no matter how efficient and well arranged must be abolished if they are unjust.
Each person possess inviolability founded on the principles of justice that even the welfare of the society as a whole cannot override.

For this reason justice denies that the loss of freedom for some is made right by greater good shared by others.

it does not allow that the sacrifices (cont..)
KANT'S PARAGRAPH

• Imposed on you are outweighed by the larger sum of advantages enjoy by Man,
• therefore in a just society the liberty of equal citizens are taken as settled.
• the rights secured by justice are not subjected to political bargaining or calculus of social interest.
• Being first virtual human activity truth and justice are uncompromising.
Rawls has adopted the method of Social contract.

In the Social contract, he invites the heads of families to enter into contract.
WHY?

- To determine the Principle of Justice
• Rawls Was Criticized By Feminist.
• Why?

• Rawls invited the heads of the families which in majority of the situation are going to be Men.
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<td>• Social contract means principles are not forced rather voluntary, social contract is also the rational method of arriving at policy.</td>
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It is a situation before Social Contract, we can compare it with the state of nature.

persons are assembled to drive the Principles of Justice.
Question

• What Type Of Persons They Are?

Answer

• Human Nature in Rawls is not Hobbesian.
• they are moral person willing to offer Each Other fair terms of cooperation.
• however they are mutually disinterested.
They have Assembled to determine the principles governing primary goods.

What Are Primary Goods?

What Are Secondary Goods?
According to Rawls every person has some rational plans, it means goals in Life.

For Example- Becoming IAS Officer
To achieve the rational plans or second goods, persons required primary goods. He mention five primary goods.

1. Liberty
2. Right
3. Income
4. Wealth
5. Dignity
WHAT IS THE DISTRIBUTION PROCESS?

• It has to be based on reason.
• which means free from biasness of all sort.

• Rawls goes for a thought experiment.
• He suggest that all persons are put behind.
The Veil of Ignorance

1. Not Biased
2. As a Neutral Person
WHAT IS THE DISTRIBUTION PROCESS?

• The purpose of veil of ignorance is to ensure that people are able to take decisions from purely rational perspective.
Description Of A Situation Behind Veil Of Ignorance-

1. They are not aware of particular facts about themselves.
2. They also not aware of particular facts about others.
WHAT DOES IT IMPLY?

• They are not aware of their own talents advantages and disadvantages.
• Similarly there also not aware of situations of other.
• Not only people do not have information with respect to particular facts.
• They also do not have information about the society in which they have to life.
WHAT DOES IT IMPLY?

- Though people are not aware of particular facts.
- They have some general ideas about economic and human psychology.

- Such persons are in the state of negotiations arrived at following principles of Justice.
WHAT IS THE METHOD?

• Rational Deliberation
• Principle Of Justice Are The Product Of
• Reflexive Equilibrium- is a process by which we are able to understand your preference more clearly.
WHAT IS THE METHOD?

- It is a continuous process because we continue to face the situations which can put us in the situation of dilemma with respect to the believes which we are holding originally.
WHAT IS THE METHOD?

- It is to be noted that in Rawls people do have the idea of justice inherent in their mind.
- This principles of justice are not coming from outside.
- We are just understanding our own idea according to Rawls people arrive at three principles of Justice.
Principles of Justice

1. Maximum Equal liberty

2. Equality of Opportunity

3. Difference Principle - working in the interest of the least advantage.
I Principle Of Justice (Rawls Words)

- Each person is to have an equal right to the most extensive Liberty compatible with similar Liberty for all.
II Principle Of Justice (Rawls Words)

- Social and Economic Inequalities are to be arranged so that they are both-
  - A) Reasonably excepted to be in everyone's advantage.
  - B) Attach to position and office open to all.
II Principle Of Justice (Rawls Words)

- What Is II(A) - Difference Principle.
- What Is II(B) - Equality Of Opportunity.
According to Rawls this principle are in lexical order that is definite order of priority.
1>2(b) >2(a)
1. Liberty has priority over equality of opportunity.
2. Liberty and Equality of opportunity has a Priority over difference principle meant to help the least advantages.