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Ambedkar's Vision of Social Justice: An Analysis

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The Idea of Social Justice

The term 'Social justice' is consists of two words: one is 'social' and other is 'justice'. The term 'social' includes all human beings who live in society, whereas the term 'Justice' is associated with liberty, equality, and rights. Thus, social justice is concerned about to provide liberty, ensure equality and protect rights of the individuals in the society. (R.H, 2016) In other sense, it can be argued that social justice provides equal level playing field to every individual to live the dignified life. Social justice in a broader connotation means an idea of creating a society or an institution which is based on the principles of solidarity, equality and which understand human rights and respect human dignity.

Sociologist Carl Bankston rightly argues that "A secular, leftist view of social justice entitles redistribution of goods and resources as based on rights of disadvantaged categories of people, rather than on compassion or national interest. This secular version of social justice became widely accepted due to the rise of demand-side economic and to the moral influence of civil rights movements." Mathew Robinson defines social justice as "...promoting a just society by challenging injustice and valuing diversity. It exists when all people share a common humanity and therefore have a right to equitable treatment, support for their human rights, and a fair allocation of community resources. in condition of social justice, people are not to be discriminated against, nor their welfare and well-being constrained or prejudiced on the basis of gender, sexuality, religion, political affiliation, age, race, belief, disability, location, social class, socio-



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