

# **Bottlenecks : A New Theory of Equal Opportunity pdf**

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## **DESCRIPTION OF THE BOOK BOTTLENECKS : A NEW THEORY OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY**

Equal opportunity is a powerful idea, and one with extremely broad appeal in contemporary politics, political theory, and law. But what does it mean? On close examination, the most attractive existing conceptions of equal opportunity turn out to be impossible to achieve in practice, or even in theory. As long as families are free to raise their children differently, no two people's opportunities will be equal; nor is it possible to disentangle someone's abilities or talents from her background advantages and disadvantages. Moreover, given different abilities and disabilities, different people need different opportunities, confounding most ways of imagining what counts as "equal." This book proposes an entirely new way of thinking about the project of equal opportunity. Instead of focusing on the chimera of literal equalization, we ought to work to broaden the range of opportunities open to people at every stage in life. We can achieve this in part by loosening the bottlenecks that constrain access to opportunities—the narrow places through which people must pass in order to pursue many life paths that open out on the other side. A bottleneck might be a test like the SAT, a credential requirement like a college degree, or a skill like speaking English. It might be membership in a favored caste or racial group. Bottlenecks are part of the opportunity structure of every society. But their severity varies. By loosening them, we can build a more open and pluralistic opportunity structure in which people have more of a chance, throughout their lives, to pursue paths they choose for themselves—rather than those dictated by limited opportunities. This book develops this idea and other elements of opportunity pluralism, then applies this approach to several contemporary egalitarian policy problems: class and access to education, workplace flexibility and work/family conflict, and antidiscrimination law.

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of bottlenecks — "narrow places through which people must pass if they hope to reach a wide range of opportunities that fan out on the other. Recognizing that some bottlenecks are legitimate, we should sometimes help people through bottlenecks and in other cases help them to find a route around them or eliminate them through law. In the first chapter (after the introduction), Fishkin discusses and rejects standard theories of equal opportunity. Bottlenecks A New Theory of Equal Opportunity Joseph Fishkin. A bold, original theory of equal opportunity; Applies the theory to important contemporary problems in public policy and law including class inequality, workplace flexibility, and antidiscrimination law Equal opportunity is a powerful idea, and one with extremely broad appeal in contemporary politics, political theory, and law. But what does it mean? On close examination, the most attractive existing conceptions of equal opportunity turn out to be impossible to achieve in practice, or even in theory. Equal opportunity is a powerful idea with broad appeal. Yet the most attractive existing conceptions of equal opportunity cannot be achieved. As long as families are free to raise their children differently, no two people's opportunities will be equal; nor is it possible to disentangle someone's abilities or talents from her background advantages and disadvantages. Equal opportunity is a powerful idea, and one with extremely broad appeal in contemporary politics, political theory, and law. But what does it mean? On close examination, the most attractive existing conceptions of equal opportunity turn out to be impossible to achieve in practice, or even in theory. Joseph Fishkin's book on equality of opportunity adds to a recent trend of contributions that cast light on hitherto underexplored aspects of this much cherished ideal. In contrast with many traditional discussions of equality of opportunity which concentrate mainly on examining what counts as. Equal opportunity is a powerful idea, and one with extremely broad appeal in contemporary politics, political theory, and law. But what does it mean? On close examination, the most attractive existing conceptions of equal opportunity turn out to be impossible to achieve in practice, or even in theory. Although the theory is advertised as a theory of equality of opportunity, it is actually a theory of priority of opportunity. Fishkin's view is that we should give greater weight to increasing and restructuring the opportunities of those people that have the fewest. A Review of Joseph Fishkin's Bottlenecks: A New Theory of Equal Opportunity Abstract In Bottlenecks (Fishkin, 2014), Joseph Fishkin offers a new way of thinking about equality of opportunity which he calls opportunity pluralism. Bottlenecks: A New Theory of Equal Opportunity | Joseph Fishkin | ISBN: 8601423444741 | Kostenloser Versand für alle Bücher mit Versand und Verkauf durch Amazon. Bottlenecks: A New Theory of Equal Opportunity: Amazon.de: Joseph Fishkin: Fremdsprachige Bücher Joseph Fishkin. Bottlenecks: A New Theory of Equal Opportunity. Ox-ford: Oxford University Press, 2014. Pp. 288. \$38.95. In a truly just society, the fate of all persons would rest entirely in their own hands. Each person's station in life would be a choice they made freely from a menu of opportunities, and all persons would select from the same menu.

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