because it would be based on social facts and act as a new form of morality and fill the gap left with the retired moral system of religion.

Merton wants to eliminate the strain between the available means and goals. His two methods for doing so are as follows. Society could be re-socialized to accept that not all people are meant to achieve the same goals. This would produce what is essentially a caste system, where people remain where they are. This would prove difficult because of the powerful American dream. He also proposes to rid of the equality of means and replace it with equal access for everyone. Everyone would be given the chance to conform, which would reduce deviance. Certain programs could be instituted such as Mobilization for Youth, which gave youth in poorer income areas means to their goals. This idea actually came into fruition but was not successful as was expected.