What are the main challenges to achieving justice in American society today and how does American republican government allow the country to address those challenges better than either the Platonic and/or Aristotelian forms of government would?

Each one of these Greek philosophers taught one another. Plato was Aristotle’s teacher, ? was Aristotle’s teacher.

Plato prefers stability to freedom. Those in the cave saw the sun and thought of it as the truth. Plato controlled what the prisoners believed. Plato didn’t like democracy. He was more about building an ideal state. We get rid of private properties and families, gender roles, etc so this would be an ideal state to Plato. This would stop selfishness and people would not argue with one another.

John Locke wondered what it like is to live in absolute freedom. Locke’s idea (property rights) of nature and freedom to pursue their own interested and by this to take other’s people’s property.

Aristotle was more of a realism and he thought that human selfishness defined who we are and that we should acknowledge it. If kids didn’t belong to anyone who would take care of them? If we get rid of private property things would be neglected so we need human selfishness. It’s why we eat, it’s why we take care of one another and make them priority over others. We maintain private property. Aristotle was for a government that would actually work.