Professor Clark intends to review policies for growth followed by developing countries and compare those policies to the US experience during the 1950s and 1960s. The influence of these two sets of experiences elevated the role of inclusiveness and inequalities. Recent information in the US show rapid increases in the concentration of income at the highest levels. The challenges of increases in income inequalities include restraints on growth and in particular, the loss of democratic processes. Universities are affected in two ways, student access and reduced influence of the faculty. The university can respond by finding a way to offer periodic assessments of the state of democracy.

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