

1972-12-24b: [PROJET FOX] Basic premises.

The basic premises of Projet Fox might be stated as follows, in respect to historical perspective:

In pre-affluent societies, the common good was precarious due to Malthusian disasters.

To guarantee the perpetuation of those societies, the ruling class had to be guaranteed survival, while the majority of others risked not surviving.

The ruling class, as a reward for its perpetuating the unity of society, always received a guarantee that its progeny should survive.

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The affluent society knows no Malthusian disasters: everyone can survive.

The ruling class has an existential function, but no special status in terms of survival or non-survival, since everyone survives.

The ruling class, therefore, loses its reward of guaranteeing its progeny special status in terms of survival, for everyone now survives.

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When, therefore, the common good is realized not only in terms of the survival of the group as a corporation, with a certain portion regularly non surviving, but also in terms of each individual within the group, with no one not surviving, then the function of the ruling group loses its classified position over time. For if no individual does not survive, then the corporate whole is in no danger of non surviving, and the ruling group can constantly be recruited anew according to the same principles of talent that brought into being the original group in non-affluent societies.