

Economic Basis for the Affluent Society

1) When the scientific/technological basis of society changes/ the new ^{in early modern times,} exploitative class is needed, so opening the ranks to exercise of power.

--in France, to the bourgeoisie via office

--in England to m.c. via property & political power

2) The stability of the new society is as dependant upon a diachronically stable élite as was the previous society.

--the solution is to allow the new power element to guarantee its genetic security.

--the hereditary principle thus remains linked to diachronical stability.

3) In times of affluent society (due to capitalistic initiative and technological advances), stability of society can be divorced from hereditary elite, because no genetic danger exists anywhere.

--No families need be gives special guarantees of their perpetuity in exchange for services of leadership, for all families have a general guarantee of survival. *[selected guaranteed survival replaced by universal guaranteed survival]*

--Therewith, the power elite at any given moment can be selected by talent alone, with no special contract about their genetic extension; just immediate rewards for themselves and while they live also their progeny. [The instant gratification sought by the young is here supported, if this is thought of as subliminal understanding that genetically perpetuated authority is an obsolete principle which nowadays only blocks the young from self-expression.]

--So, ~~the~~ hereditary privilege having lost its pragmatic justification as guarantee for diachronical social stability (as in pre-affluent age), it has no grounds any more in the theory of the common good. [In democracies this has long been applied to political rulership]

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--Indeed, the family itself ceases to be the critical unit for the diachronical stability of society, but is replaced by the set of institutions (fiscal, technological, etc.) which now guarantee survival to all and thus perpetuity for the whole.

4) In the new conditions of institutions replacing family as the guarantor of survival, a new philosophy of the communalty of societal ~~effe~~ unity needs to replace the family philosophy in so far as the latter's relationship to the commonweal (elite family guaranteeing societal survival) is concerned.