



SOCIAL THEORIES OF ADVERSARIALISM

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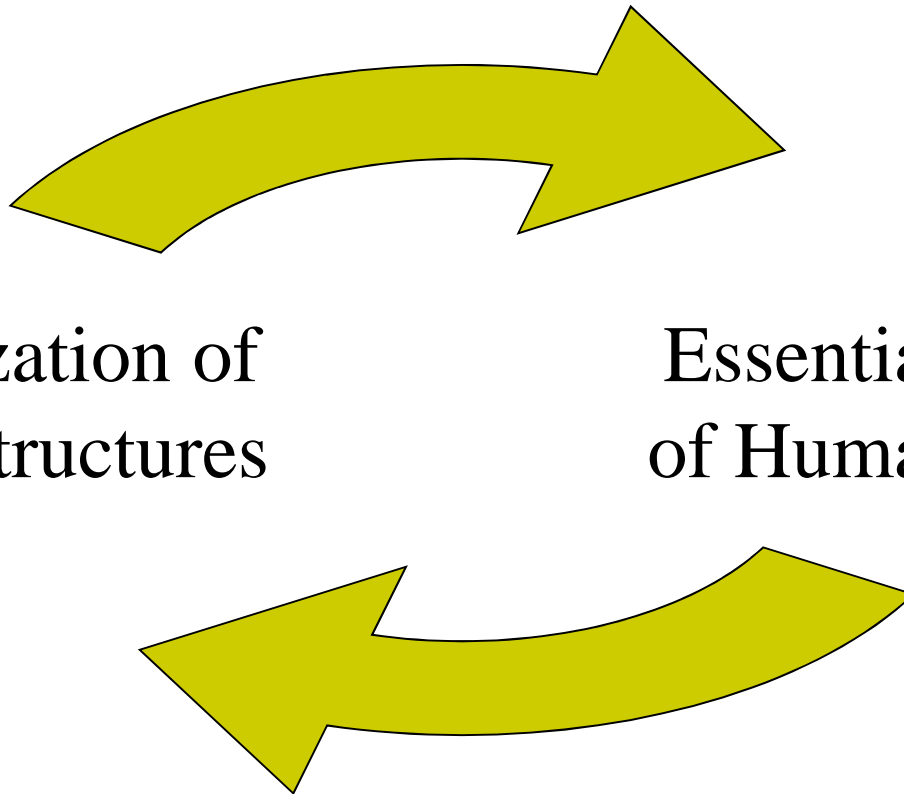
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A Vicious Circle

- Human Essentialization: Explains conduct as essence without escape.
- Naturalization of Society: World seems natural. Status quo as natural law.

Naturalization of
Social Structures

Essentialization
of Human Nature





Summary

Argument	Counter
Newtonian “social physics”	New physics, systems theory
Law of jungle, wolf of man	Ecology and synergy
Competition is necessary	Cooperation is necessary
Ubiquity of war past/present	Historical bias, mass media
Power: dominance/submission	Power to/with, empowerment
Diversity prevents unity	Unity in diversity
Identity lost in world unity	Unity builds new identities



Law of the Jungle

- What was the role of ecology as a science in redefining the meaning of the “Law of the Jungle?”
- What is the difference between the old and the new definitions of the “Law of the Jungle?”

Competition

- According to the article, what are the arguments of those who believe that competition is necessary & inevitable?
- How does the article refute each one of them?





Relations of Power

- According to Michal Karlberg, what is power? What are his two main categories of power?
- Which category of power does not meet the needs of humanity, and why?
- Which category power does humanity still need to develop, and why?

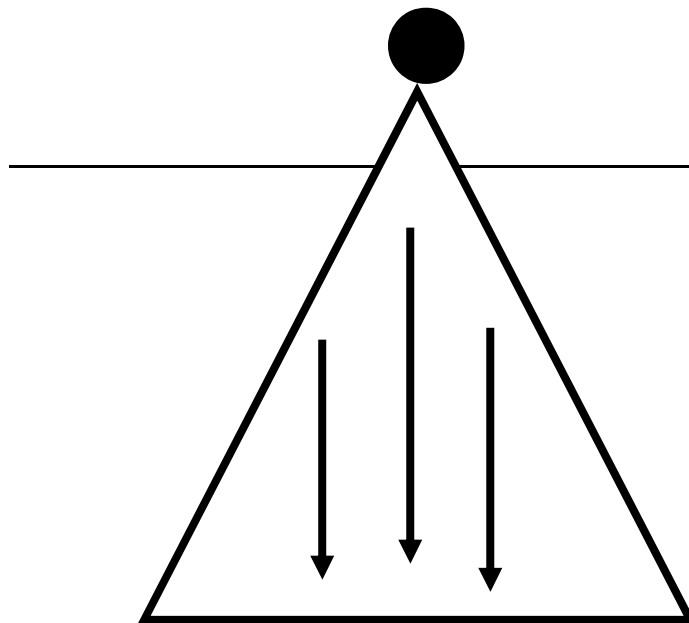
Power as <i>capability</i> (power <i>to</i>)	
<i>Adversarial</i> relations of power (power <i>against</i>)	<i>Mutual</i> relations of power (power <i>with</i>)

Power with / against

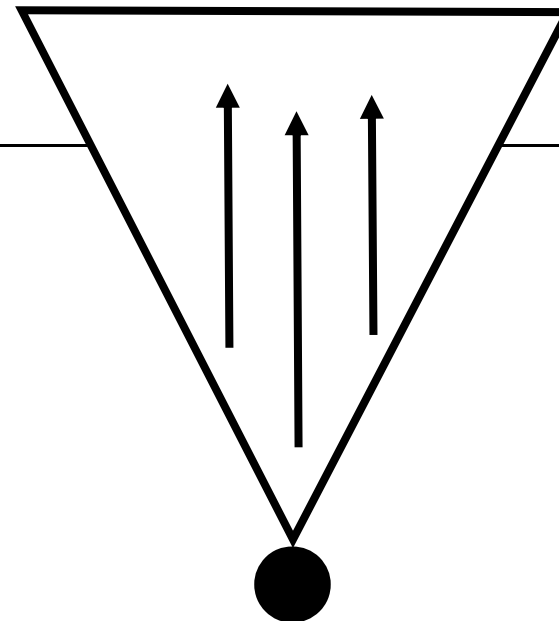
Mutual Relations (power <i>with</i>)		Adversarial Relations (power <i>against</i>)	
<i>Equal power</i> (<i>mutual</i> empower- ment)	<i>Unequal power</i> (<i>unilateral</i> empower- ment)	<i>Unequal power</i> (power <i>over</i>)	<i>Equal power</i> (<i>balance of</i> power)

	Unequal Power	Equal Power
Mutual Relations of Power	<p><u>Unilateral Empowerment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Education ▪ Child rearing ▪ Assistance ▪ Win / (win) <p>C.3</p>	<p><u>Mutual Empowerment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Synergy ▪ Cooperation ▪ Coordination ▪ Win / win <p>C.4</p>
Adversarial Relations of Power	<p><u>Power over:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Coercion ▪ Domination ▪ Oppression ▪ Win / lose <p>C.1</p>	<p><u>Balance of power:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Stalemate ▪ Compromise ▪ Frustration ▪ Lose / lose <p>C.2</p>

**Leadership based
on *Power Over***

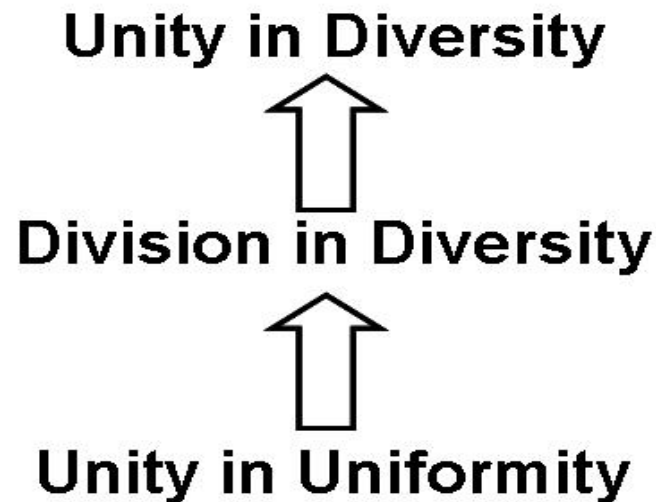


**Service-oriented
Leadership**



Unity vs. Diversity

- Name and describe the three stages relating to unity and diversity, and give a real-life example of each.



Identity Issues

- ❑ Define projection, demonization and beatification.
- ❑ How to achieve a positive self identity non-adversarially?
- ❑ Is racism projection and demonization?
- ❑ Can the alternative strategy overcome it?



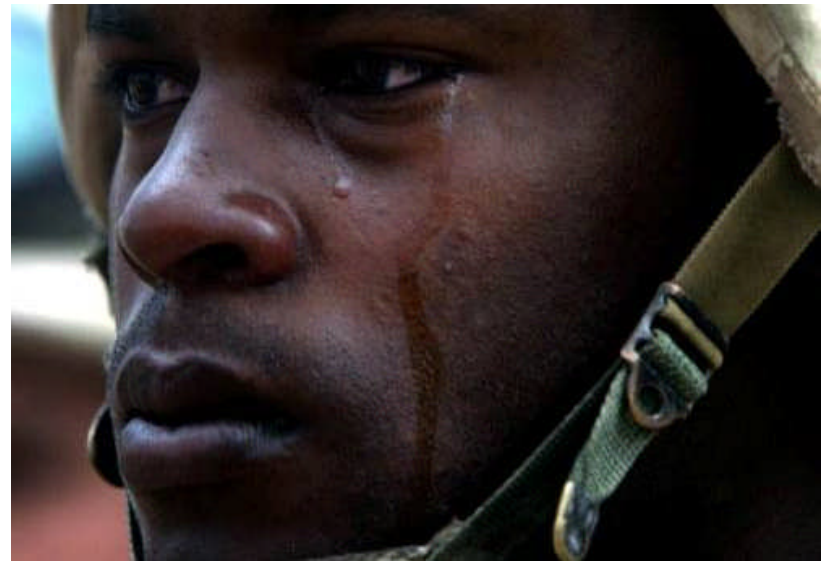
Particularist Theory

- Why do some people think that a planetary identity centered on the oneness of humanity would be either undesirable or impossible to achieve? How do recent discoveries in developmental psychology refute this?
- Describe the two versions of the particularist theory (moderate and extreme) and explain why they are wrong.



War

- Why do people think that war is inevitable?
- Why are they wrong?
- What is a more appropriate meaning of war and peace?





There has always been peace...

- ❑ History as a series of wars – like a clinical record.
- ❑ War is disease, peace is health. Which is essential?
- ❑ Critical period in history, exploited by mass media.
- ❑ War fuels economy? Human Development Index.
- ❑ War brings inventions? Orienting research budgets.
- ❑ War controls population growth? Education better.



Seville Statement on Violence

It is scientifically incorrect to say that we have inherited a tendency to make war from our animal ancestors. Only a few cases of intra-species fighting between organized groups have been reported, and none involved weapons. Normal predatory feeding on other species is not intra-species violence. Warfare is a peculiarly human phenomenon and does not occur in other animals.



Thank you
