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Dramaturgical performance!



Dramaturgical performance & Stigma

We are bounded to a role, we follow scripts.

“social actor” - “definition of situation” = “framing”

Remember Durkheim?

We work orienting our action to the expectations and preference of our public.

Identity cracks, stigma and backstage
invading the frontstage.

Moral entrepreneurs and labeling

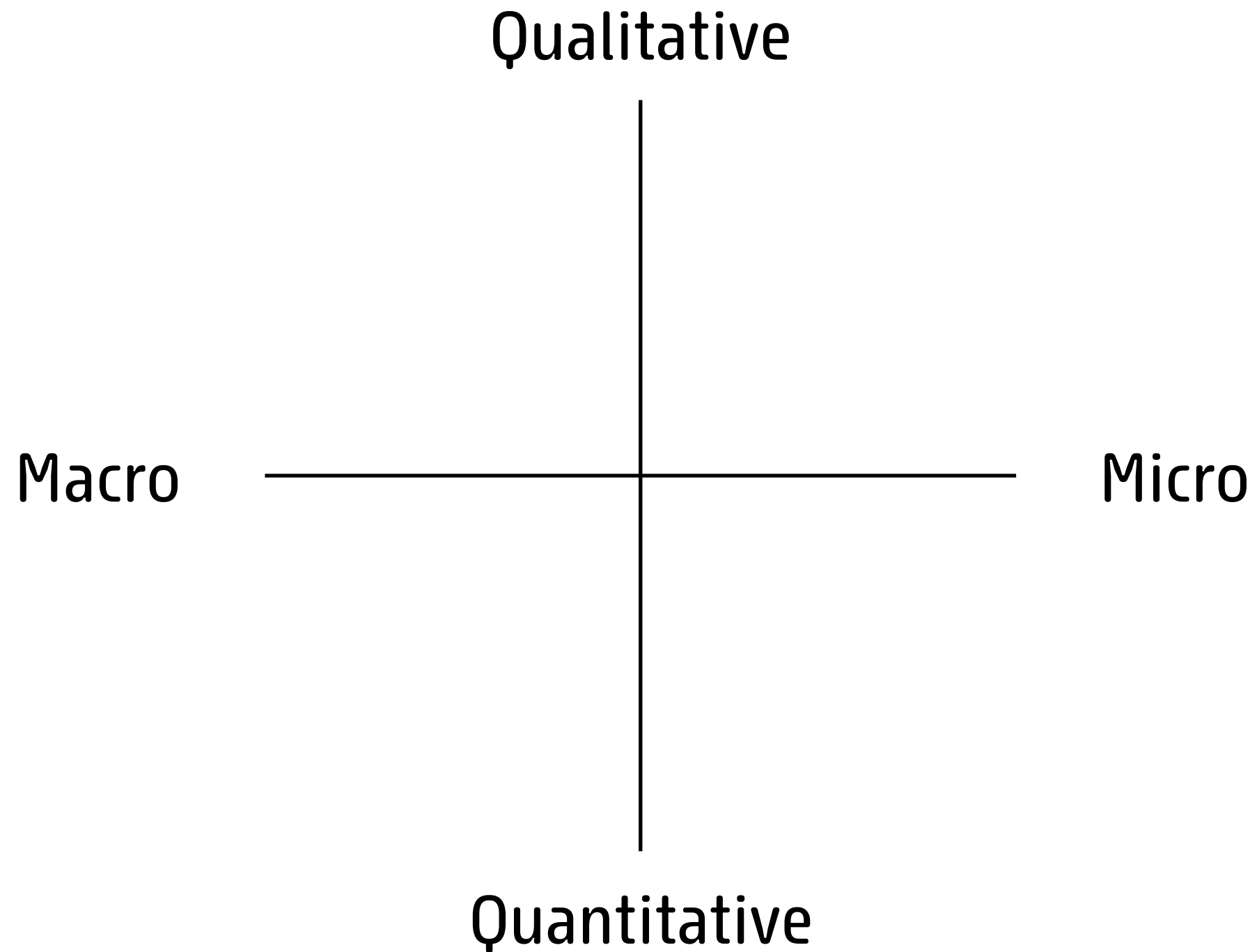
Moral entrepreneurs frame a category of actions as deviant

Eg. FBI and marijuana

Labeling is the act of assigning a particular action to a category that has been deemed deviant

Eg. If somebody smokes marijuana at home and nobody knows about it, he/she is not deviant.

Deduction or Induction



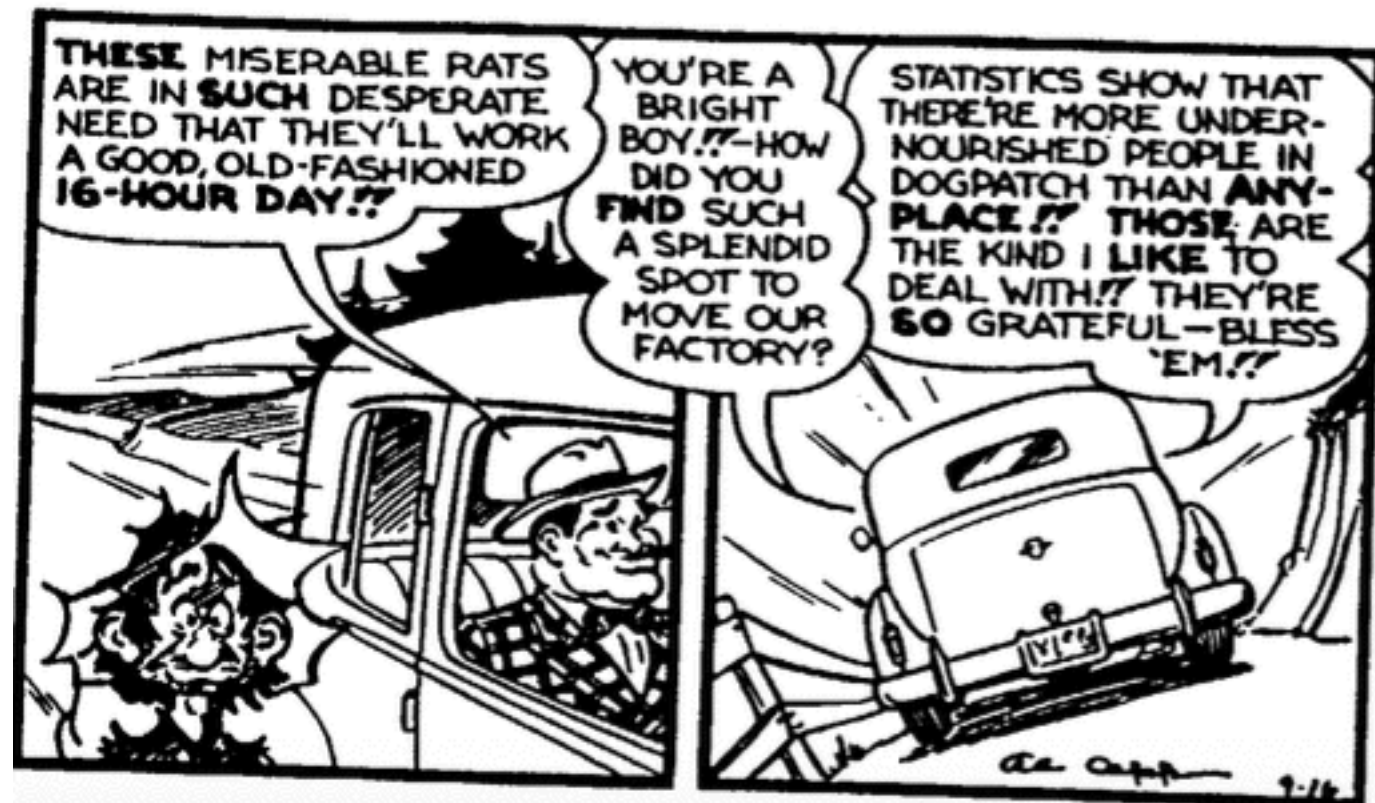
Structure vs. Agency

Work!

Value

Alienation /
Commodity Fetishism

Class









The presence of shmoos is thus a serious threat to both class relations and gender relations. Workers are more difficult to recruit for toilsome labor and no longer have to accept “guff” and indignities from their bosses. Women are no longer economically dependent on men and thus do not have to put up with sexist treatment.

Table 1.1. *Rank ordering of preferences for the fate of the shmoo by class*

Rank order	Capitalist class	Working class
1	Only capitalists get shmoos	Everyone gets shmoos
2	Destroy the shmoos	Only workers get shmoos
3	Everyone gets shmoos	Only capitalists get shmoos
4	Only workers get shmoos	Destroy the shmoo

Exploitation

- (i) *The inverse interdependent welfare principle:* the material welfare of exploiters causally depends on the material deprivations of the exploited. The welfare of the exploiter is at the expense of the exploited. Antagonism of material interests
- (ii) *The exclusion principle:* the causal relation that generates principle (i) involves the asymmetrical exclusion of the exploited from access to and control over certain important productive resources. Typically this exclusion is backed by force in the form of property rights, but in special cases it may not be. Antagonism situated within the social organisation of production.
- (iii) *The appropriation principle:* the causal mechanism which translates (ii) exclusion into (i) differential welfare involves the appropriation of the fruits of labor of the exploited by those who control the relevant productive resources.² This appropriation is also often referred to as the appropriation of the “surplus product.” The welfare of the exploiter depends upon the effort of the exploited (not just deprivations)

The crucial difference between exploitation and nonexploitative oppression is that, in an exploitative relation, the exploiter *needs* the exploited since the exploiter depends upon the effort of the exploited. In the case of nonexploitative oppression, the oppressors would be happy if the oppressed simply disappeared. Life would have been much easier



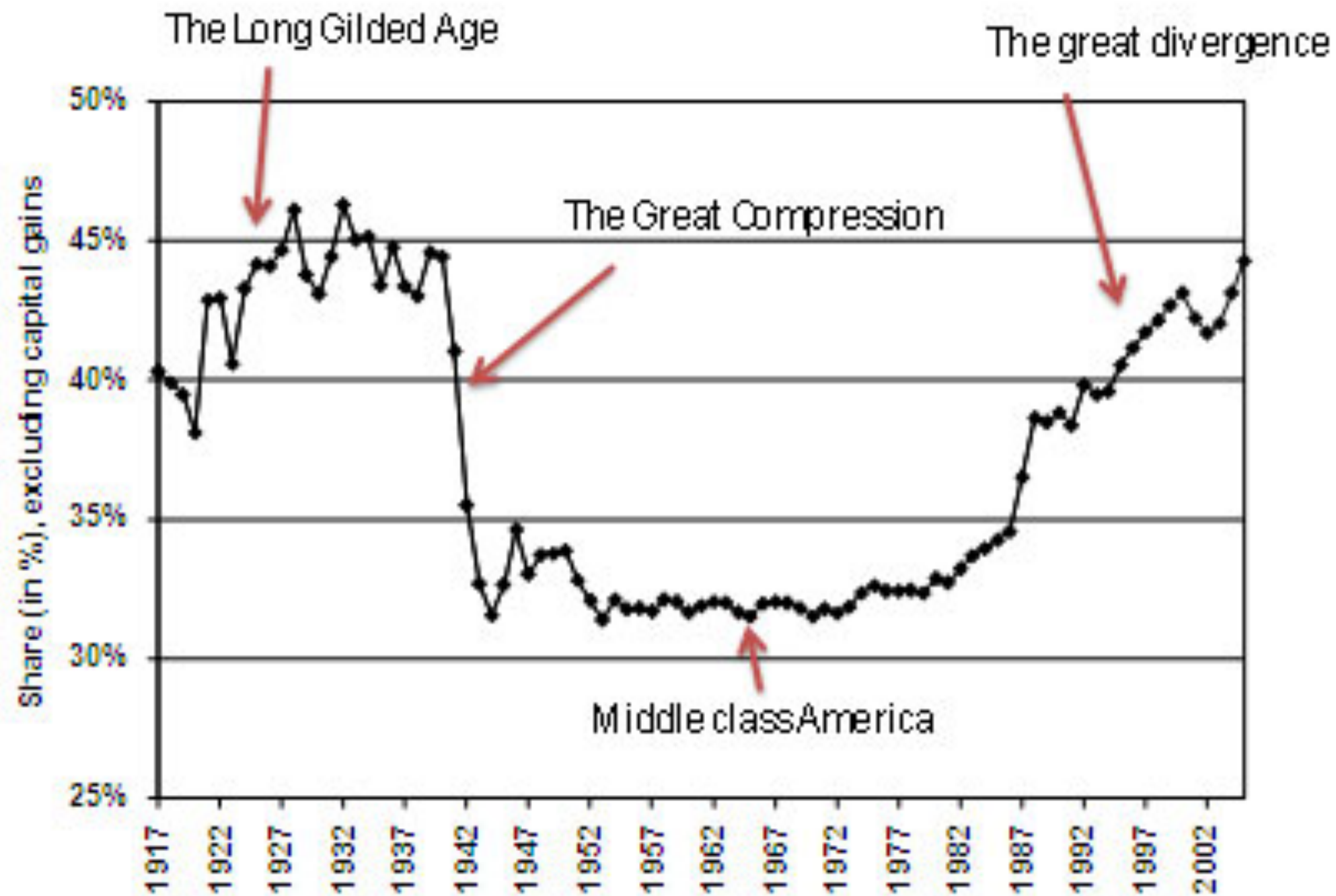
Middle class?

Relation to means of production				
		Owner	Employees	
Hires labor	Capitalists	Expert managers	Nonskilled managers	Has authority
Does not hire labor	Petty bourgeoisie	Experts	Workers	No authority
		Possess scarce skills	Nonskilled	Relation to authority
Relation to scarce skills				

This "skill rent" is a way by which employees can appropriate part of the social surplus.

Second, the control over knowledge and skills frequently renders the labor effort of skilled workers difficult to monitor and control.

The share of the richest 10 percent of the American population in total income



Real Growth	P0-100	P90-100	P95-100	P99-100	P99.5-	P99.9-	P99.99-
1933-1973 annual	3.63%	2.82%	2.59%	2.12%	1.88%	1.39%	1.29%
1980-2010 total	19.3%	65.5%	84.6%	136.4%	164.1%	237.9%	346.6%
Fraction of growth	P0-100	P90-100	P95-100	P99-100	P99.5-	P99.9-	P99.99-
1933-1973	100.0%	29.4%	18.7%	6.9%	4.4%	1.5%	0.5%
1975-2010	100.0%	108.6%	93.4%	65.4%	56.3%	39.1%	21.1%

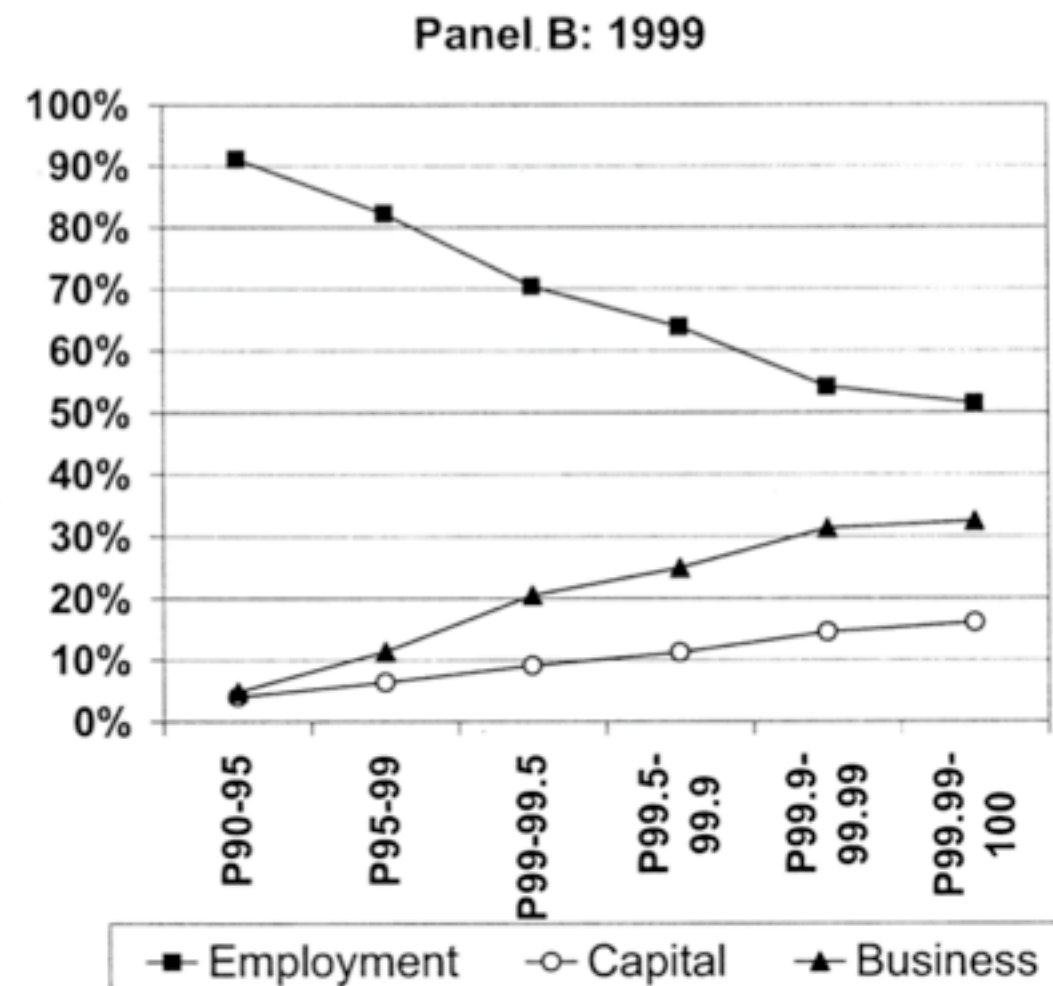
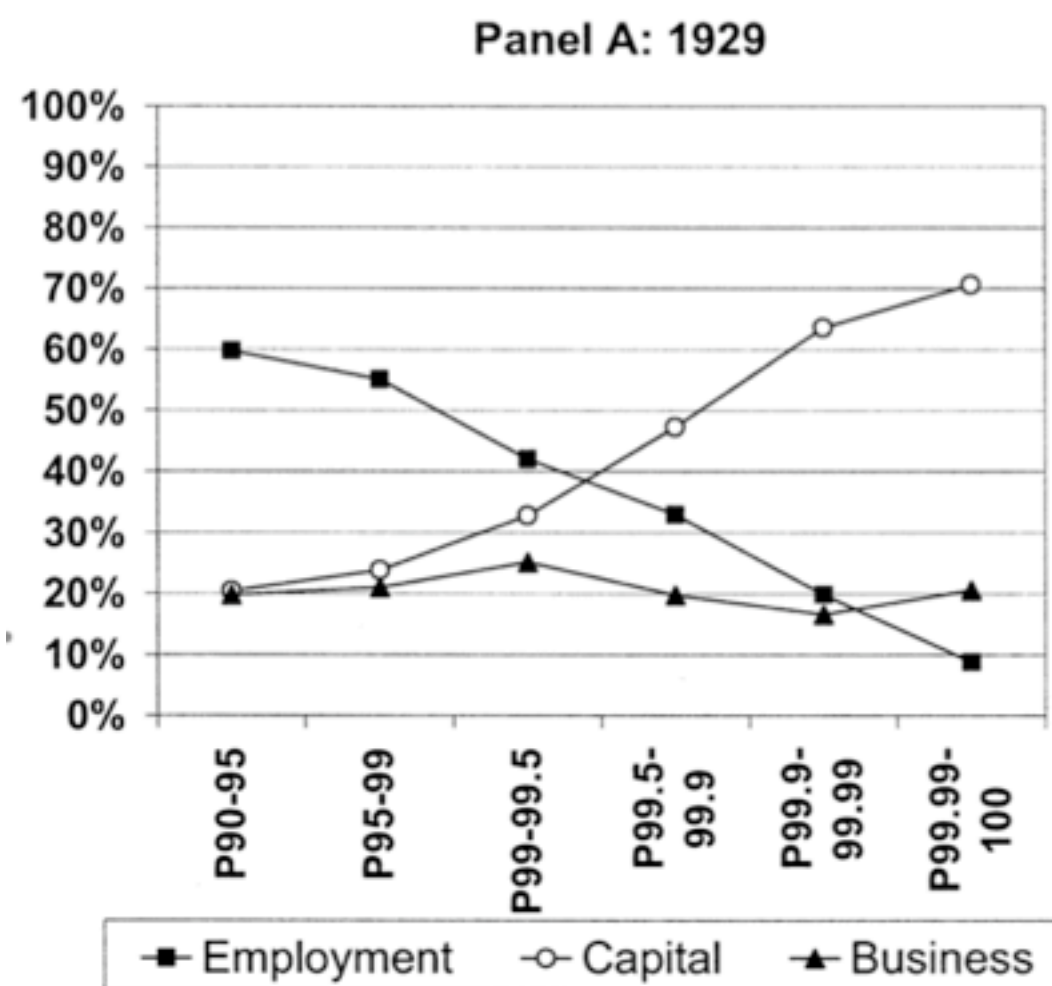


FIGURE 4. Income composition of top groups within the top decile in 1929 and 1999 in the United States. Source Note: Capital income does not include capital gains. Source: Piketty and Saez (2003), Table A4, rows 1929 and 1999.

“class consciousness”

Class **in** itself vs. Class **for** itself

According to Goldthorpe (2004), class is a particularly useful indicator of three key elements: economic security, economic stability, and economic prospects.

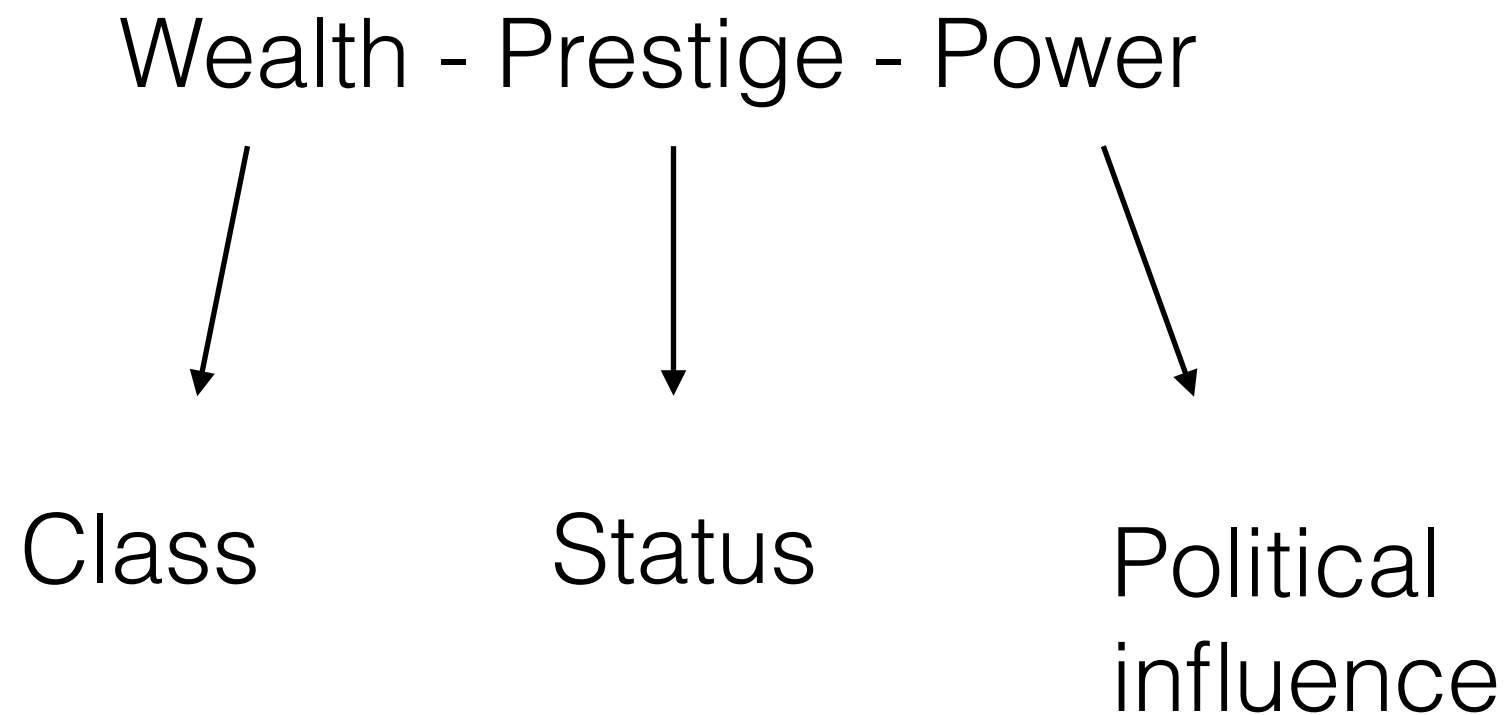
Class: attributional and relational?

superstructure & ideology

“The executive of the modern state is but a committee for managing the common affairs of the whole bourgeoisie.”

The goal of ideology is to legitimise forces in a position of hegemony, it tends to obfuscate the violence and exploitation that often keep a disempowered group in its place.

Weber's three-component theory of stratification



Bourdieu!

Economic Capital

Cultural Capital

Social Capital

Like Weber, they could be symmetrical or asymmetrical.

What “Capital Culture” actually is?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aukfnAfFZ7A>

(10:50)

Goffman was about drama,
Bourdieu is about field.

Field = Frame / Definition of the situation

Habitus = Role

Social position = Sense of place

Doxa = (tacit) Script

Habitus is a theory of action.
Structure or agency? Both.

Hi vs. Lo

Culture

‘dominant classes’ in modern societies
monopolise cultural capital just as they
monopolise economic capital

The social hierarchy is parallel to the cultural hierarchy.

Individuals in higher social strata are those who prefer and predominantly consume 'high' or 'elite' culture, and individuals in lower social strata are those who prefer and predominantly consume 'popular' or 'mass' culture.

Cultural capital vs. Human capital

Social science by analogies?

"Why is "human capital" such a disastrous turn of phrase? There are two reasons. First, it obfuscates the crucial difference between labor and capital by terminologically conflating the two. Labor now seems to be just a subspecies of capital. (...) Entirely lost is the key distinction that for you to get an income from your human capital, you have to work. (...) This leads to a confusion, in which all individuals, no matter how miserable and living hand to mouth from their daily labor, are treated as capitalists."

Intersectionality

(i.e. race + gender + sexuality + class = complex identity)

Source: Nash, Jennifer (2008).
Re-thinking intersectionality .
Feminist Review 89, pp.1-15.

Double burden: gender roles and domestic labour.



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