

Πόλεμος

polemos: power, polemic...

we are vulnerable

Verletzungsmächtigkeit
(the potential to injure)

Verletzungssoffenheit
(the potential to be injured)

“The ability to inflict physical damage on others, and the vulnerability to physical damage from others are essential components of the social process. The concern, fear, anxiety, we experience in face of one another constitute an ineliminable aspect of social experience. **To exist together always means also to have fear for oneself and to protect oneself**”

- Aktionsmacht

Accept by fear

- Instrumentelle Macht

“threaten”
/ social sanctions

External vs. Internal

Autoritative Macht

Accept by will

self-esteem
respect and admiration
Authority

Datensetzende Macht

technical artefacts
(tool making animal)

How power is created?

Nothing appears more surprising to those who consider human affairs with a philosophic eye than the easiness with which the many are governed by the few.

- David Hume

**deck chairs...
superior capacity of organisation of the few...**



Iron law of oligarchy



Robert(o) Michels

élites?

"It is organisation which gives birth to the dominion of the elected over the electors, of the mandatories over the mandators, of the delegates over the delegators. Who says organisation, says oligarchy."



Pareto thought that there was an iron law of income distribution, namely that inequality did not change whatever social system was in power.

Classes, Status groups and Parties

Economic, Ideological, Political

social power / stratification

it does make a great deal of difference
who gets into which position...

Inevitably, then, a society must have,
first, some kind of **rewards** that it can
use as **inducement**, and, second some
way of **distributing** these rewards
according to **positions**. The rewards
and their distribution become a part of
the **social order**. and thus give rise to
stratification.

Davis & Moore

Macht
(brute power)

Herrschaft
(institutionalised authority
inducing obedience)

power (*Macht*) The core of Weber's famous definition of power is that you have power if you can enforce your own will even if another person tries to oppose you.

Herrschaft?



Before bureaucracy?

- Continuity
- “Business as usual”
- No conflict of interest
- Rules
- Hierarchy...

process oriented, imperfect information.

authority	character	transmission-chain	economic
Rational	ordinary	administrative apparatus (bureaucracy)	capitalist
Traditional	ordinary	relatives, slaves, clients, vassals, etc.	feudalism
Charismatic	extra-ordinary	disciples, etc.	primitive / antieconomic

Instrumental rationality

Assumption that the people in the environment will behave rationally too

Value rationality

Action is undertaken because its intrinsically meaningful to the actor (on religious, ethical, philosophical... grounds)