## POWER =

## ECONOMIC CLASS

### **BOURGEOISIE**

(OWNERS)

Wage/Labor Exchange)

- Own the means of production
- Control the <u>relations</u> of production
- Control the government
- Shape widespread beliefs/values to further their own interests

### **PROLETARIAT**

(WORKERS)

- Labor within the <u>means</u> of production
- Exploited by the <u>relations</u> of production
- Limited political/cultural power despite being a numerical majority
- Believe in widespread values that do not benefit them (false consciousness)

**WHO HAS POWER?** 

## BOURGEOISIE

PROLETARIAT





**WHO IS THE NUMERICAL MAJORITY?** 

## PROLETARIAT

**BOURGEOISIE** 

### THE PROLETARIAT HAS *LESS* POWER **DESPITE** BEING THE NUMERICAL *MAJORITY*...WHY?

(Because they do not OWN the means of production)

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## SOCIAL STATUS

(aka "status honor")

#### Owners with highdemand commodities

Owners with lowdemand commodities

Workers with high-demand skills

Workers with low-demand skills

High-power associations (exclusive)

Low-power associations

**Unassociated individuals** 

# POLITICAL INFLUENCE

(aka "political party")

# Affiliates of the party in power

Affiliates of the party not in power

Affiliates of unrecognized parties

#### **WHAT IS CLASS?**



Income (money in/money out)

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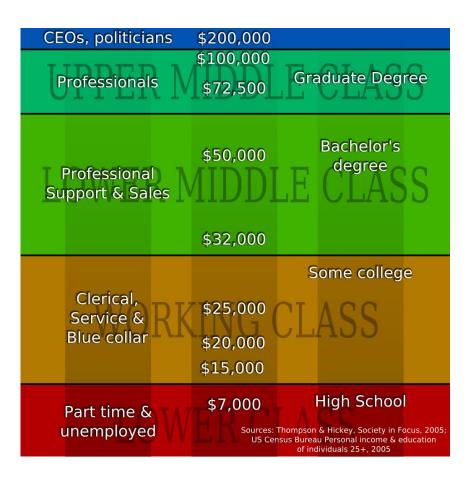
<u>Wealth</u> (assets-debt = net wealth)

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**Education** (highest level of education)

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Occupation (high/low status occupation)



#### WHAT IS THE OVERARCHING NATURE OF CLASS IN AMERICA...



# SOCIAL MOBILITY? OR SOCIAL REPRODUCTION?



#### **SOCIAL REPRODUCTION**

YOUR ECONOMIC CLASS POSITION DETERMINES YOUR **POWER**, AND THOSE WHO HAVE **POWER** TEND TO STAY IN POWER (AND VICE VERSA).

**BOURDIEU** 



**ACCUMULATION AND REPRODUCTION OF CAPITAL** 

ECONOMIC CAPITAL

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SOCIAL CAPITAL



CULTURAL CAPITAL



Institutions in society privilege the cultural and social capital of the upper class