

The Key to a World of Equals is in our Brains

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“This general characteristic of the world...has never yet been contradicted in any observation or experiment, scientific or otherwise; namely, *everything comes from other things...*” (Causality and Chance in Modern Physics, David Bohm, 1957) *Humans come from other things--the apes*, their brains and behavior.

Thousands of years of *observation* have demonstrated that the spectrum of human behavior has *always included* the ape like tendencies of the 1% who seek to dominate their fellow human beings. The *despotic tendencies of our ape like ancestors*. Those who lack empathy will bully and manipulate others by any means necessary to obtain domination, status and power. [https://www.theravive.com/therapedia/antisocial-personality-disorder-dsm--5-301.7-\(f60.2\)](https://www.theravive.com/therapedia/antisocial-personality-disorder-dsm--5-301.7-(f60.2)) The 99% have always resisted oppression, in their desire for freedom and equality.

Hunter gatherer societies have **resisted despotic behavior** and remained egalitarian by utilizing reverse hierarchy-a militant egalitarianism where despotic types who seek to dominate are punished, expelled or killed. *Leaders have no privileges; they are only first among equals.* <https://www.unl.edu/rhames/courses/current/readings/boehm.pdf> Societies that **failed to control dominators** became chiefdoms, kingdoms and states, unequal status hierarchies structured according to rank or social classes. “The resulting positions of

leadership open the door for a plethora of injustices and cruelties that come with warfare, slavery, and other types of exploitation by unchecked power wielders.” (*The Human Potential for Peace*, Douglas P. Fry, 2006) This adaption of human nature to different social conditions is a combination of our biology/brain function and historical cultural evolution.

Today we live in a dominance hierarchy of corporate capitalism built on exploitation, power and wealth which reinforces itself by selecting successful sociopaths to rise to position of power.

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jackmccullough/2019/12/09/the-psychoopathic-ceo/#5d6e0326791e>

History reveals that hierarchical societies maintain *social control* by reinforcing the fundamental cultural acceptance of social hierarchy in its multiplicity of forms: rich/poor, employer/employee, captain/crew, governor/governed, supervisor/worker, leader/follower... The 1% creates an endless ladder of social status: those more worthy and the less worthy, the more equal and the less equal. An ancient strategy of divide and rule: class, sex, “race”, nation, color, religion, ethnicity, immigrant, and more. This ladder of social status becomes important to the human brain. Multiple forms of hierarchy become tenaciously imbedded in the population’s culture.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/the-implicit-prejudice/>)

Threat of losing status creates strong emotions of fear, anger, anxiety and alienation.

<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/for-the-brain-status-is-better/>

The Declaration of Independence states, “All men are created equal...” but do they live and die as equals?? Social Dominance

Hierarchy is fundamentally incompatible with equality. We live in an economy of corporate capitalism, where the 1% has wealth, status and power. The foundation of the economy is private ownership of industrial production with oppression and exploitation of workers for profit. Working people, the 99%, have little to no power.

https://scholar.princeton.edu/sites/default/files/mgilens/files/gilens_and_page_2014_-testing_theories_of_american_politics.doc.pdf

Abolishing all forms of social status hierarchy is the key to achieving a society of equals living in solidarity, free from fear. Equality and freedom from domination and exploitation, requires that we forcefully discourage, limit, restrain, and punish sociopathic tendencies that *give rise to tyrants and authoritarians.*

Our times urgently demand an end to the barbarism of status hierarchies. *Eternal vigilance* of the rank and file, the 99%, is required to enforce equality and prevent the resurgence of our ape like tendencies. This can be achieved by building a movement for **a militant classless egalitarian society built on a foundation of economic, social and political equality.**

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