
“POLITICS OF KNOWLEDGE”: LITERATURE

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■ What is *Politics of Knowledge*?

Let's divide the concept of knowledge in three strata:

1. Information
2. Understanding and application of the methods of analysis
3. Understanding and application of the methods of prediction

Politics on these three strata means:

1. The act of filtering the flow of information before they reach to us
2. The act of providing false information to us
3. The act of collecting information about us
4. The act of making us ignore the second and third strata of knowledge
5. The act of providing us decisions and predictions
6. The act of providing us assumptions for analysis and predictions

■ Where is the *Problem*?

The six acts mentioned above create troubles for us in the following ways respectively:

1. In absence of complete information, we misunderstand our surroundings and make our life more troublesome
2. Same as above
3. The collection of information about us is not always based on a term of mutual benefit. In many cases, those, who collect information about us, use the information for their own welfare and at a cost of our welfare
4. The sector of knowledge in our mind becomes incomplete and useless. This is a destruction of knowledge. If we lack knowledge, a very important property for living, we start to fail to do anything by ourselves for our welfare
5. In many cases, we are being encouraged to accept some pre-determined analysis and predictions. But, they are not always true. Rather, in most cases, they are created for welfare of the persons or blocks of persons determining them. This is costing our welfare
6. In many cases, where we still try to understand and apply the methods of analysis and predictions, we are being provided some assumptions those shall lead to some decisions, which shall be for welfare of the providers of such information and shall cost our welfare

■ Who are “*We*” in this context?

There are some persons or blocks of persons who try to maximize their own welfare by reducing welfare of others. They have many faces. Most of the time, they are business tycoons, political leaders and some intellectuals brought up by the first two. The most powerful tool in this process, - the media, is in their hand. Sometimes, they are the men when they are dealing with the women. Sometimes, they are urban intellectuals when dealing with the subaltern people. Sometimes, they are religious gurus when they are dealing with the people in depression or frustration. They are doing it for their short-term profit and not looking at the long-term losses. They are ignorant that they are running such a process of annihilation of human race.

Exclude them. “*We*” are defined.

■ What shall be discussed in the *Seminar*?

1. In details, who the **controllers** of our knowledge are
2. How we can identify the **process of controlling** our knowledge by others
3. How the **symptoms of destruction** are emerging
4. What the long-term and immediate **preventive steps** should be

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