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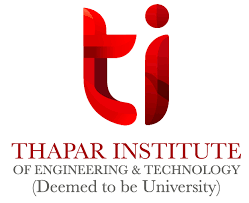
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**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

Date:

Respected Sir,

We are pleased to submit our Technical Report titled **“Justice, Power and Parenting: How Wealth, Power and Upbringing Shape Legal Accountability”**, prepared as a part of the Humanities for Engineers coursework. This report focuses on how societal structures, particularly wealth and authority, influence the upbringing of individuals and their perception and treatment within the justice system.

Through this report, we have aimed to explore how upbringing and socio-economic status affect individuals' interactions with the legal system, their habits in responding to accountability, and their perspectives on justice and fairness. The interplay between privilege and parenting styles is also examined to understand its role in shaping moral and legal responsibilities. We believe the findings offer a nuanced understanding of the topic, particularly relevant in today’s context.

We express our gratitude to all survey participants for their invaluable contributions and to the faculty for their guidance throughout the project. We have made every effort to ensure the report is comprehensive and precise. We sincerely hope this report meets your expectations and serves its intended purpose effectively.

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to work on this insightful report.

Yours Sincerely,

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**CERTIFICATE**

This is to certify that the Report titled **“Justice, Power and Parenting: How Wealth, Power and Upbringing Shape Legal Accountability”** embodies the original work done by the group of the following students submitted to the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Thapar Institute of Engineering and Technology, Patiala in the partial fulfilment of the objectives of Humanities for Engineers (UHU005) course.

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**ABSTRACT**

This report investigates the complex interplay between justice, power, and parenting, focusing on how wealth, authority, and upbringing influence legal accountability. It examines how socio-economic status and power dynamics shape individuals' perceptions of justice and their interactions with the legal system. Through a multidisciplinary approach, the report explores the role of parenting styles in instilling moral responsibility and how privilege impacts an individual’s legal outcomes.

Key findings highlight the disparities in accountability, where wealth and power often shield individuals from consequences, while those from disadvantaged backgrounds face disproportionate investigation. The report also underscores the importance of equitable legal systems that recognize the profound influence of upbringing and socio-economic factors on ethical behavior and accountability.

By addressing these critical issues, the study aims to contribute to the broader discourse on creating a more just and inclusive society, emphasizing the need for reforms that balance privilege and fairness within the framework of legal systems.

**Problem Statement**

The interplay of wealth, power, and upbringing profoundly influences how individuals interact with the legal system and are held accountable for their actions. Despite the foundational principle of equality before the law, glaring disparities exist in how justice is administered. Those with wealth and social influence often navigate the legal system with relative ease, avoiding or mitigating consequences for their actions. Conversely, individuals from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds frequently experience harsher treatment, facing intensified investigation and disproportionately severe penalties.

A notable example that underscores this issue is the **Pune Porsche crash**, where a young individual from an affluent background allegedly caused a high-speed accident resulting in property damage and potential endangerment of lives. Despite the severity of the incident, the ensuing legal process was criticized for apparent leniency, highlighting the protective shield that wealth and influence can provide. Media reports and public opinion raised concerns about how the socio-economic status of the accused potentially influenced the investigation, legal proceedings, and eventual accountability. This case exemplifies a broader pattern in which financial privilege and family power create an uneven playing field in legal systems designed to deliver impartial justice.

At the root of this problem is the lack of a robust and equitable framework to ensure that legal accountability is applied uniformly across all socio-economic classes. Upbringing also plays a crucial role, as parenting styles in privileged households may foster a sense of entitlement, potentially leading to disregard for rules and ethical responsibilities. Meanwhile, individuals from marginalized communities often face systemic biases, sustaining cycles of inequality and distrust in the justice system.

This imbalance undermines the credibility of legal institutions and deepens societal inequities, resulting in a justice system that privileges a select few while unfairly penalizing others. To restore faith in legal frameworks and promote a more inclusive society, it is essential to address these disparities. Achieving genuine impartiality and fairness in the justice system requires systemic reforms that ensure accountability which is not influenced by wealth, power, or social status.