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Power as Domination

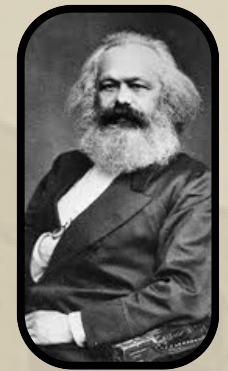
Students being forced to buy mess coupons despite terrible food, that's power domination in action.

The Power Nexus

Student Affairs and Institutional Power

by Shyama Goel, Utkarsh Venaik, Arnav Makkar, Utkarsh Garg and Aditya Singh

Karl Marx



Guise of Fairness

Campus Fines: Punishing Students for Others' Actions

Antonio Gramsci



Power as Hegemony

Favouritism in hostel allocation normalizes inequality. Arbitrary rules perpetuate dominant narratives.

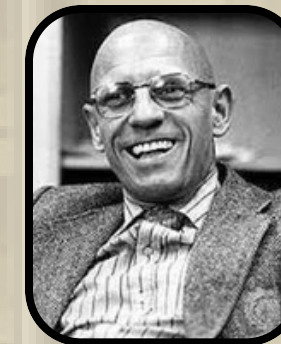
Max Weber



Legitimate Authority and Distortion

Rational-legal authority of council elections is undermined by favouritism and lack of transparency.

Michel Foucault



Power/Knowledge and Resistance

Those who resist (e.g., by not paying mess fees) are penalized, further reinforcing compliance and marginalizing dissenters.

Potential Solutions

Implementing transparent e-voting, fair hostel allocations, independent student audit committees, quality-controlled mess plans, anonymous complaints systems, an impartial ombudsperson, explicit fine guidelines, mandatory financial disclosures and rotational leadership to dismantle systemic oppression and empower student voices.