

# Assignment #3B - Preliminary Understandings of Power

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Attempt 1



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**Details**

For Part B of this assignment, type in your partners definition. Since they are sitting next to or near you, you can clear up any words you can't read or decipher by asking them directly. Do not change any sentences, or add anything to this. This should be a faithful typed up version of what your peer partner has written.

After you finish this, offer a few brief remarks (100 - 200 words or so ) along the following:

In what ways was their definition (A) similar and different from the one you wrote (B)?

What aspects of the definition of power from your peer, if any, do you think you could use to augment and enhance your own?

This should all be entered here on Canvas.

(as a general practice while writing long stuff, type it in a word or text app, then copy and paste into canvas... that way if there is an error with canvas you wont loose your work)

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(Ashbah's Response):

Government, misogyny

Privilege, or cruelty are the two names to power in Pakistan. Here the power is associated to people at higher positions or people with money. This doesnt only give these people an upperhand but definitely improves their living standards comparativeley. The people with power can absolutely get away with anything no rules are meant for these people. As much as we consider this phenomenon in Pakistan it is a global issue. Its quite evident with what Israel is doing in Palestine. They are literally committing a genocide but are not hold accountable. Thats when we're urged to ask ourselves why? And the answer is none other than Power. They've proved their strength by not only attacking multiple countries without being held accountable but also by silencing countries whom we today know as the super powers. Examples of this behaviour are also visible i Pakistan where someone in government is not penalised for breaking the law but its quite the opposite for someone who is not in power.

If i think of it the other way around that no one should have power over the other then what will happen? The answer to this question is there will be no accountability at all. Today yes many misuse their power but then there would be no law in order and people will do whatever they feel like without the fear of punishment. Just take the example of stealing.

Answer the two questions:

My partner's definition (A) emphasises power in terms of privilege, cruelty, and lack of accountability. She connect it strongly with politics, governance, and global injustice pointing out how people with wealth or authority often can escape such consequences. Her focus is on the misuse of power in Pakistan. While my definition of power highlighted "Power" more broadly as ability to influence, control or create a change in society. My definition was less specific about systemic injustice and more about silencing the world.

What I can take from her account is the focus on accountability. She highlighted that power without checks leads directly to exploitation and lawlessness, which enriches my more abstract understanding.



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