

# ouees-202006 topic 09: Social implication of cloud computing

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# Topic of this video:

# Social implication of cloud computing

# Centralized social behavior accelerated by cloud computing

- Sharing *everything* - no privacy
- *Panopticon* <sup>1</sup> style of governance, filtering, *censorship*, or *autocracy*
- Complete *externalization* of resources, leading to *no personal control*

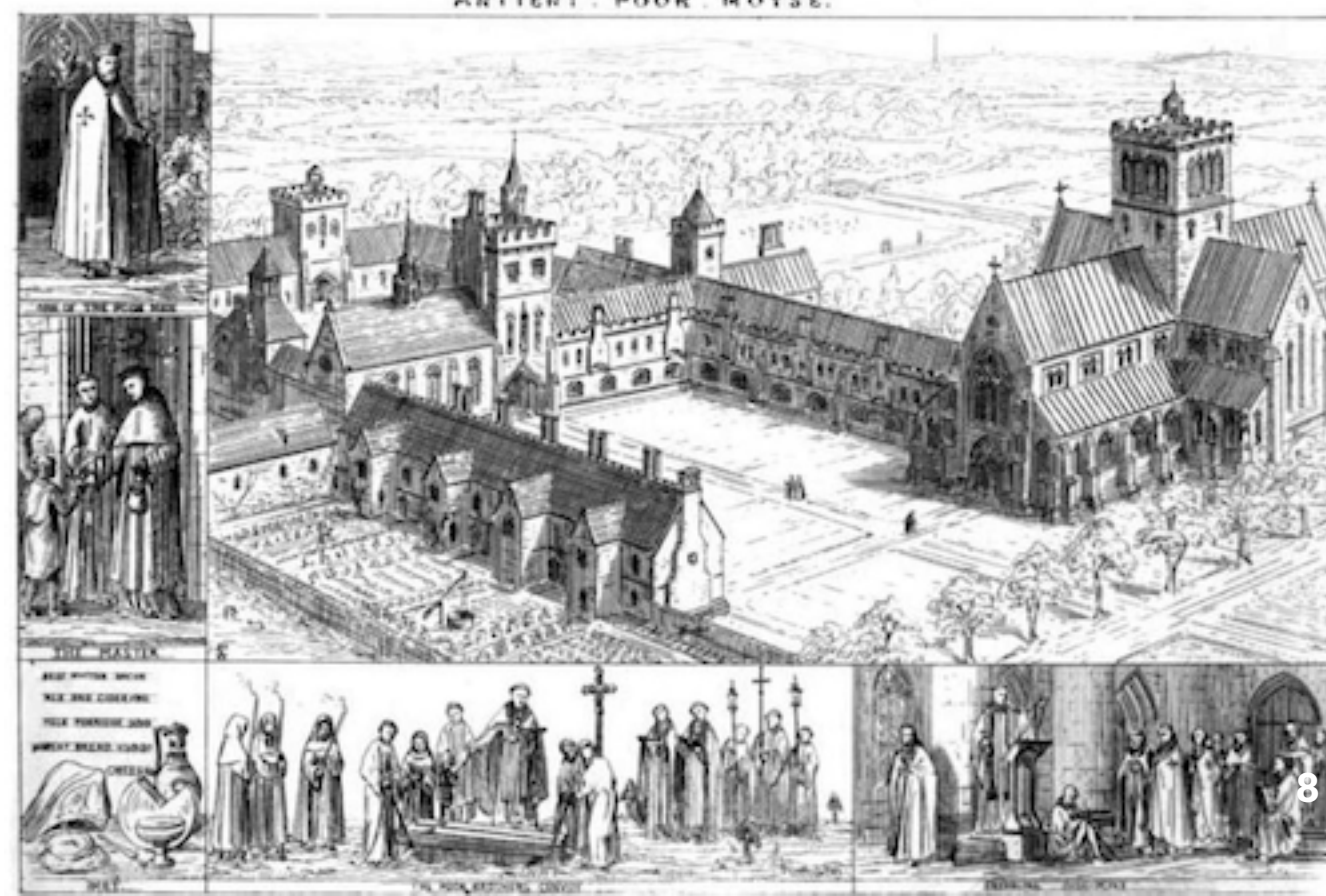
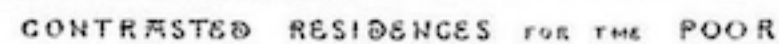
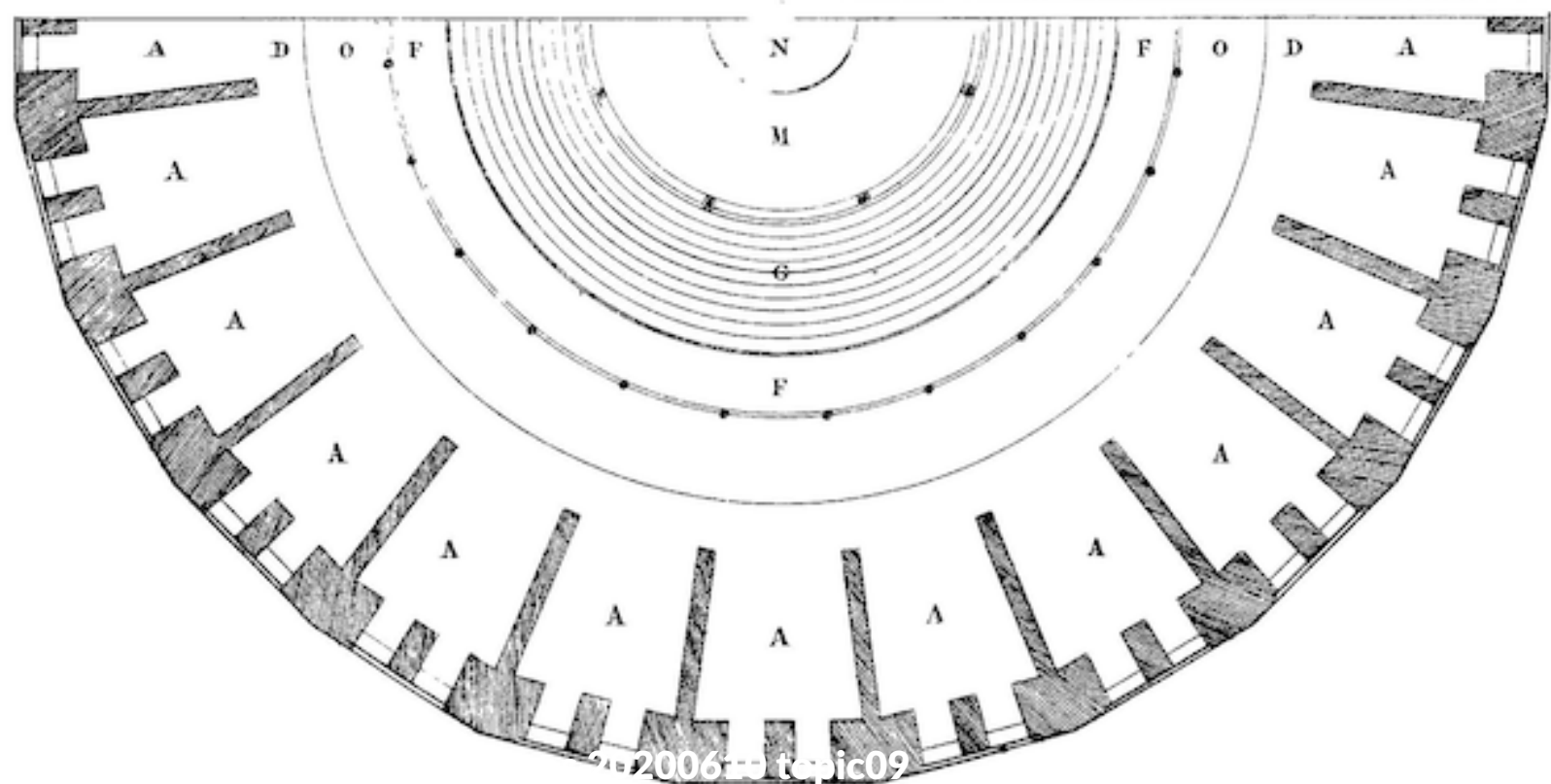
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<sup>1</sup> n. a circular prison with cells arranged around a central well, from which prisoners could at all times be observed.  
(New Oxford American Dictionary, Apple macOS 10.13.6)

# Presidio Modelo: a panopticon prison









# INGSOC: the slogans <sup>2</sup>

- War is peace
- Freedom is slavery
- Ignorance is strength
- Independent thinking = *thoughtcrime*

NOTE: this is a *fiction*!

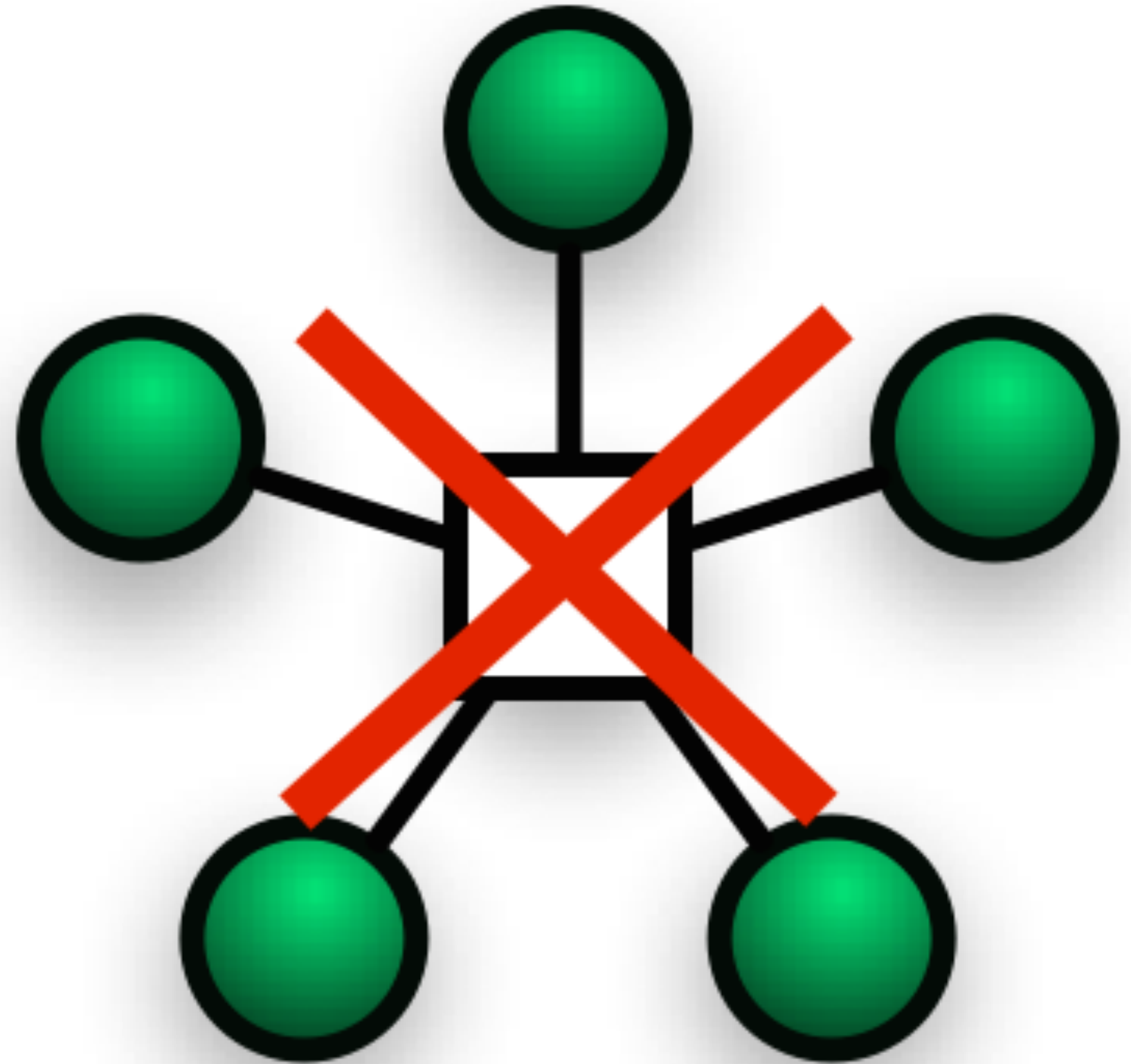
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<sup>2</sup> George Orwell, "Nineteen Eighty-Four", 1949.

# Why cloud computing has become so *dystopian*? -- because we have sold freedom for *convenience*

- Ubiquitous/global accessibility
- Concentrated data for easy analysis
- Easy control of the information flow
- No extra cost for sharing
- No need to think about where the information locates

The inconvenient truth of centralized systems: what if the core/cloud fails?



# Inconvenience of centralized systems

- Ubiquity or *no accessibility*
- When the core fails, no alternative
- When the core loses data, *no backup*
- The system performance is restricted by the capability of the core
- Endpoint systems will lost *all capabilities*

# Centralized systems are *not* sustainable

- ...then how cloud computing systems manages the sustainability?

Distributed systems provide  
sustainability and resilience against  
failures

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