Prompt: Explain class domination theory and then explain how the upper class controls the political system through the four power networks.

A. Class

upper class is both an economic class and social class

social class: interpersonal social interactions and shared membership in organizations

economic class: same individuals own and control income producing wealth

B. Power

Collective power: power of a community, nation to achieve its goals.

Distributive power: capacity of group or class to realize its goals despite opposition

Upper class has distributive power.

C. Domination: upper class rules by institutionalization of distributive power in economy and political system

D. Upper class and political power and power networks

a. candidate selection process: candidate that represents interests of upper class. Means: campaign financing

b. special interest process: influence decision making Means:lobbying

c. policy planning process: develop public policy and legislation in interests of upper class. Means: policy planning groups, think tanks, foundation

d. opinion shaping process: manufacture consent of public. Means: pr firms, think tanks, public affairs, schools