D. Constellation of power

1. Center: Wealth and Power

a. capitalist class

b. 500 largest corporations

i. institutional logic

ii. size

iii. concentration

iv. constraints

c. general interest: control over other institutions

1. interests

i. lower taxes

ii. privatization

iii. deregulation

iv. expansion

v. wealthfare

2. Control economic system

a. labor

b. means of production

c. market

d. communities

3. control the political system (“power networks)

a. campaign financing

b. lobbying

c. regulatory appointments (revolving door)

d. benefit

i. wealthfare

ii. deregulation

iii. privatization

iv. “bailouts”

4. own mass media

a. corporate owned

b. advertising sponsored

c. concentration of ownership

d. benefit: power to frame social discourse

i. controls information

ii. controls ideas

iii. experts

e. benefit: advertising

i. subjectivity is constructed

ii. compliant subjects who experience domination as freedom

iii. branding children and the triumph of consumerism

iv. “I buy therefore I am”

5. education

a. underfunding

b. gatekeeping: knowledge and class

c. devaluing knowledge and intelligence

d. social construction of ignorance and passivity

6. judicial/criminal justice system

a. judges

i. campaign financing

ii. lobbying

iii. appointments

b. laws

c. two cj systems

7. military-industrial complex

(military-industrial-intelligence-security complex)

a. allocation of resources

b. weapons contractors

c. security contractors (2003/3,512; 2006/116,000)

c. “empire of bases”/ benefits of war

d. . privatization

8. Christian right

1. economically: aligned with interests of capitalist class

b. politically: aligned with Republican party

c. what power do they have?