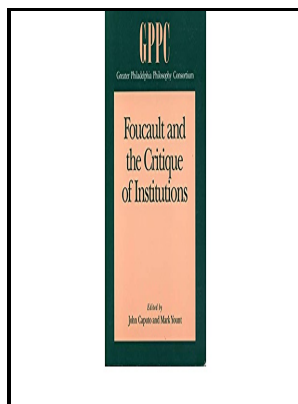


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## Chomsky vs. Foucault, Revisited

But critics of this mode of power may find a different sort of value in some aspects of his work. This is the idea advances in *The Great Transformation*, which sees in the principle of social protection the aim of withdrawing the individual out of the laws of the market and thus reconfiguring relations of power between capital and labor.

## Critique of Foucault's Theory of Disciplinary Power

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## Michel Foucault on the Power Dynamics in Modern Institutions

The implication here is that Foucault became the intellectual patron saint of the contemporary academy because his work captured fundamental truths about how the latter institution functions. Chomsky believes that there is a real, definable human nature, characterizable via scientific knowledge, and bound up with a need for creative expression.

## Foucault and Chomsky Debate Human Nature

For the left to succeed, it must reject the postmodern critique of justice and truth and anchor its claims in an objective human nature. A range of needs and values that might contravene the prevention of infection were sidelined at the behest of unelected health officials.

## Can We Criticize Foucault?

Foucault argues that there is no ideal concept of social justice that can be universally applied. Nevertheless, it is emblematic of a curious absence.

## Ball, S., Collet

The issue of the institution is not addressed systematically anywhere in the literature on Foucault, although it is everywhere to be found in Foucault's

writings. Foucault might have been wholly satisfied with woke capitalism. According to this narrative, a cluster of ideas originating in continental Europe, especially France, has invaded educational institutions and undermined the values of Western culture and the pursuit of objective scientific truth.

### **Critique of Foucault's Theory of Disciplinary Power**

They are like so many cages, so many small theatres, in which each actor is alone, perfectly individualized and constantly visible. Concepts and canonical authors are obviously intellectual instruments, but they also correspond to various strategies for becoming part of the field and the struggles over it.

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