

Dialectic model of power

Existential needs, such as the need for survival, but also e.g. the need for recognition, all need this, more instrumental, basic motive: **the obtaining of control over** ((the pain of and fear for) the threat of) **all that is unpredictable** (in terms of or by others, in terms of environment and in terms of availability of wealth sources (e.g. because of rivalry)) **by means of controlling others**

due to personality and build up frustration wishing to obtain control over unpredictability (=others) by oneself, in advance (=ruler; Freud: anal) by e.g. cognitive social learning of the ruler's role, or at the tense moments itself (=solver; in case of openmindedness *and* high self-efficacy)

reducing unpredictability of the (perceived unstable and/or yet immature) self and by all others to the unpredictability of one (protecting and more powerful) other (=submission; Freud: oral; secondary control)

a situation evokes the creation of a power dyad* with mutual dependency (symbiosis)

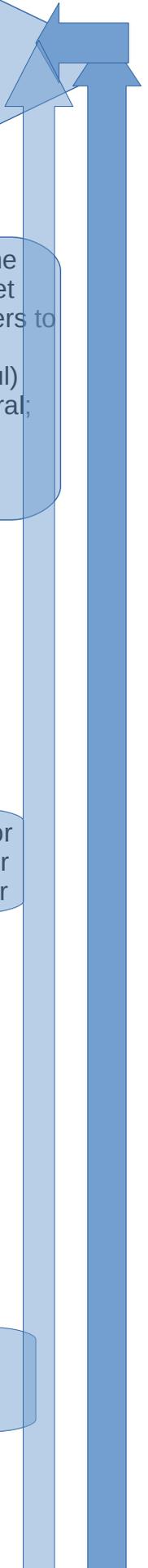
reduction of unpredictability for ruler by (enforced) services of servant

reduction of unpredictability for servant by his (enforced) labor and by (agreed) favors of ruler

power ratio is still unstable: the potential fluctuations around the point of symmetry of the power relation raise fears in the ruler (roles may be inverted if ruler's fear for the unpredictability in case of losing the services outgrows the fear for the original unpredictability to be reduced)

striving by ruler for perpetuation of the momentary asymmetry in power ratio

Threat for ruler by third party: 'conscious maker' or other ruler (rivalry)



increase of exercise of power → habit formation → self-reinforcement by the rewards delivered for *both members* of the dyad by habit(uation) and (perceived) control → emergence of a *critical power momentum* → **control striving becomes situation independent and turns into ruling others as purpose by itself** → the basic motive flips (Fromm: necrophilia defeats biophilia) and the power ratio gets out of control

trying to get more control over fear for the unpredictable by further power abuse and by sublimation of that fear by fear for (unpredictable) violence of the ruler and because the ruler declares himself irreplaceable (from solver to savior)

the crossing of moral limits causes awareness of the runaway of the degree of power → increases fear for the unpredictable → delegitimizes power of ruler and feeds power of new/other (potential) ruler

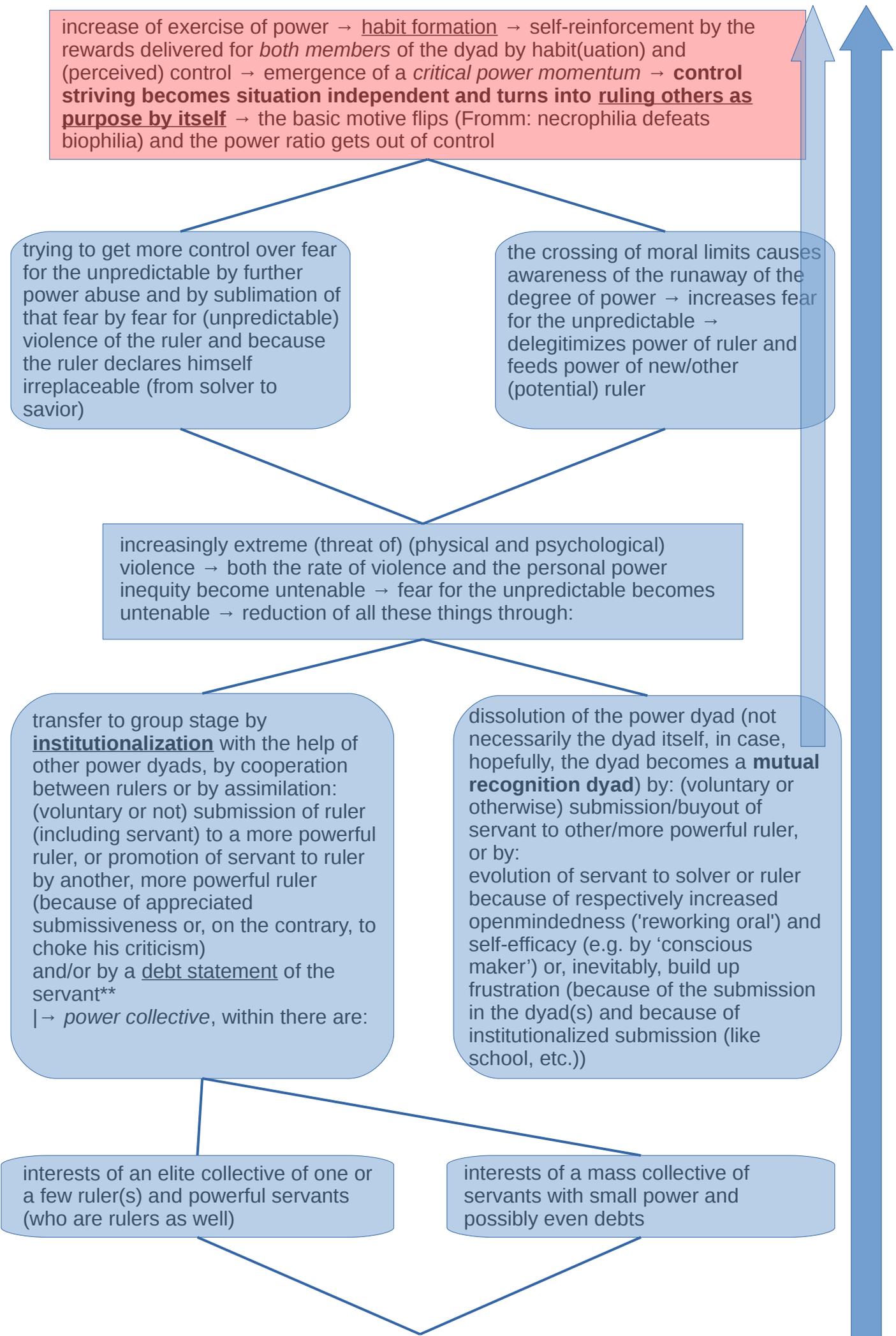
increasingly extreme (threat of) (physical and psychological) violence → both the rate of violence and the personal power inequity become untenable → fear for the unpredictable becomes untenable → reduction of all these things through:

transfer to group stage by **institutionalization** with the help of other power dyads, by cooperation between rulers or by assimilation: (voluntary or not) submission of ruler (including servant) to a more powerful ruler, or promotion of servant to ruler by another, more powerful ruler (because of appreciated submissiveness or, on the contrary, to choke his criticism) and/or by a debt statement of the servant**
| → *power collective*, within there are:

dissolution of the power dyad (not necessarily the dyad itself, in case, hopefully, the dyad becomes a **mutual recognition dyad**) by: (voluntary or otherwise) submission/buyout of servant to other/more powerful ruler, or by: evolution of servant to solver or ruler because of respectively increased openmindedness ('reworking oral') and self-efficacy (e.g. by 'conscious maker') or, inevitably, build up frustration (because of the submission in the dyad(s) and because of institutionalized submission (like school, etc.))

interests of an elite collective of one or a few ruler(s) and powerful servants (who are rulers as well)

interests of a mass collective of servants with small power and possibly even debts



legitimization of the power inequity of this collective symbiosis through rules (laws, religion, schooling), but the same mechanisms as within the power dyad cause increasing power abuse by the group as a whole as well, even reinforced by cumulative effects of all the individual power differences between the members of both groups

perpetuation of the control over the collective fear for the unpredictable (also in relation to other power collectives!) by absolutization and immortalization of the power of a self-reproducing elite by i.a. control (=unpredictability reduction) of (social) media, of science, of (facade) democracy and of group pressure, and by supposed irreplaceability in relation to resistance against threat by other power collectives

the crossing over moral limits causes awareness of the runaway of the degree of power → increases fear for the unpredictable → delegitimizes power of ruler and feeds power of new non-elite ruler and/or allows (some) powerful servants to revolt in cooperation

further assimilation: fewer and fewer, but increasingly powerful rulers and power collectives;
increasingly extreme/massive violence within and between power collectives
| → massive destruction, also of (part of) the power inequity
| → new unpredictability → again the basic motive, but now accompanied with a collective trauma and therefore sense of responsibility
| → moment of **psychological consciousness**

falsifying this model by collective recognition of the laws of this very model, by, through collectivization and increase of political consciousness and of political responsibility and increase of collective-efficacy, coming to another way of dealing with the basic motive and to new control structures that will break the laws of this model, by preventing power momentums by **increasing individual recognition by recognizing others** (e.g. by open source democracy, self-organized learning, basic income and diversity) which means (renewed) **openmindedness** (= 'reworked oral', i.a. by apophatic listening)

with only the believe that "we, the leaders of the new order, are different and/or will act differently", together with the build up frustration: "now it is our turn", it will eventually mean 'business as usual' i.e. *a world ruled by individuals, as surprisingly few in number as excessive in the derailing of their power*

*not every (affective) dyad is/becomes a power dyad, but every power dyad will enter this process irreversibly. Dyads can occur in many fields, just like the institutions they produce. So, also, for instance, two supporters of different theories can form a power dyad, a dyad that eventually produces the institute of science.

**a debt statement always implies a categorization and therefore a collectivization