

Universality:

Loaded dice (part 2)

Part 2 of the loaded dice is to unpack how global socio-economic systems are inherently biased toward those agent or agencies (people and corporations) that are already empowered, resulting in the few “rich & the many “poor”. It is not as if the system is explicitly “rigged” in favor of the minority at the expense of the majority, but rather the very subtle manipulations of the 3 critical elements that comprise the field-of-power (discussed at length previously). In other words, the “free market system” have a built-in bias toward agents & agencies already having a large field-of-power (economic capital, symbolic capital and cultural capital).

This works directly against the very necessary global imperatives and movements of equality, transparency and fairness. It is important to remember that “blaming” those already rich and/or successful is unfair, since we ourselves have contributed to the current global mess (e.g. not speaking up; not taking action; being blinded by consumption; etc.). Our government’s are equally unable to create the right environment conducive to job creation and socio-economic equality, not because they are supportive of the biased system, but because they lack systemic “requisite variety” (capacities to understand subtleties of market manipulations, even within the boundaries of the law). Indeed most government are pushing & expecting corporations (private sector), to do the “heavy lifting” in terms of job-creation and socio-economic development. This is the circularity of dealing with a “loaded dice”, more specifically an economic system designed to respond to the field-of-capital in a very mechanical manner. The question then is what to do? How do we deal with a “game that is rigged”? How can we as “average” global citizens compete effectively in economic systems that favor “elite” agents & agencies? Before attempting to shed light on potential solutions, it is more important to explain how the global economic system is rigged; how we all co-contribute to it’s functioning? How the systemic subtleties are often disguised as being socially beneficial, whist it is covertly used as a means of domination

through consumerism pushed well beyond sustainable boundaries. A typical example of subtle manipulation is the nebulous “war-on terror” whereby we all rightfully condemn such cowardly acts. Unknowingly our very condemnation is used to provide more power to governments and corporations, whilst at the same time sacrificing our basic freedoms. The current currency crises and geo-politics of the European Union is another example of how one agenda (job creation & economic growth) is used as a means to obtain more subversive outcomes, far removed from peace, harmony and sustainability promoted under the over agenda of socio-economic development & global equality.

