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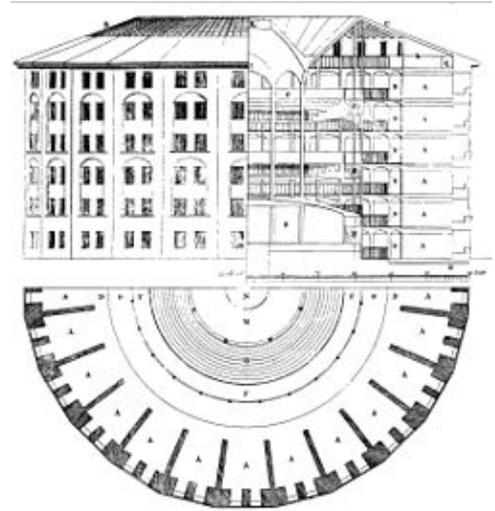
Pegasus and Foucault's Panopticon

What Is The Panopticon?

- Bentham's Perfect Prison

- ✓ Jeremy Bentham's nineteenth-century prison reforms provide Foucault with a representative model for what happens to society.

- ✓ Bentham argued in The "Panopticon" that the perfect prison would be structured in a such a way that cells would be open to a central tower. In the model, individuals in the cells do not interact with each other and are constantly confronted by the panoptic tower.



- The panopticon allows a watchman to observe occupants without the occupants knowing whether or not they are being watched.
- Bentham saw this prison reform as a model for how society should function. To maintain order in a democratic and capitalist society, the populace needs to believe that any person could be surveilled at any time.
- In time, such a structure would ensure that the people would soon internalise the panoptic tower and police themselves.

Foucault And The Panopticon

- The French philosopher Michel Foucault revitalised interest in the panopticon in his 1975 book Discipline and Punish. Foucault used the panopticon as a way to illustrate the proclivity of disciplinary societies subjugate its citizens.
- He describes the prisoner of a panopticon as being at the receiving end of asymmetrical surveillance: "He is seen, but he does not see; he is an object of information, never a subject in communication."

Features Of New Panopticon

- The ultimate result is that we now live in the panoptic machine. Some of the effects of this new model of organisation include:
 - ✓ Internalisation of rules and regulations
 - ✓ Rehabilitation rather than cruel punishments
 - ✓ Surveillance into private aspects of life
 - ✓ Information Society
 - ✓ Bureaucracy
 - ✓ Efficiency
 - ✓ Specialisation

Digital Surveillance And Panopticon

- The French philosopher Gilles Deleuze shaped the emerging field of surveillance studies with the 1990 essay Postscript on the Societies of Control. Deleuze argued that the society of control is replacing the discipline society.
- Jake Goldenfein suggests that while in the panopticon the occupants are constantly aware of the threat of being watched, state surveillance on the internet is invisible.
- Another important difference is the relative intangibility of data surveillance. This data is under surveillance not just by government but also private corporations.
- Examples- Wikileaks and Snowden,

Pegasus And Panopticon

- Pegasus is spyware developed by the Israeli cyberarms firm NSO Group that can be covertly installed on mobile phones (and other devices) running most versions of iOS and Android.
- Pegasus not only enables the keystroke monitoring of all communications from a phone (texts, emails, web searches) but it also enables phone call and location tracking, while also permitting NSO Group to hijack both the mobile phone's microphone and camera, thus turning it into a constant surveillance device.
- The internet is decentralizing surveillance since it facilitates a greater number of observation points. Yet this is but one aspect of new digital surveillance technologies. Another aspect concerns the temporal continuity of surveillance, that is, the traceability of individuals' behaviors via traces they leave in all



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