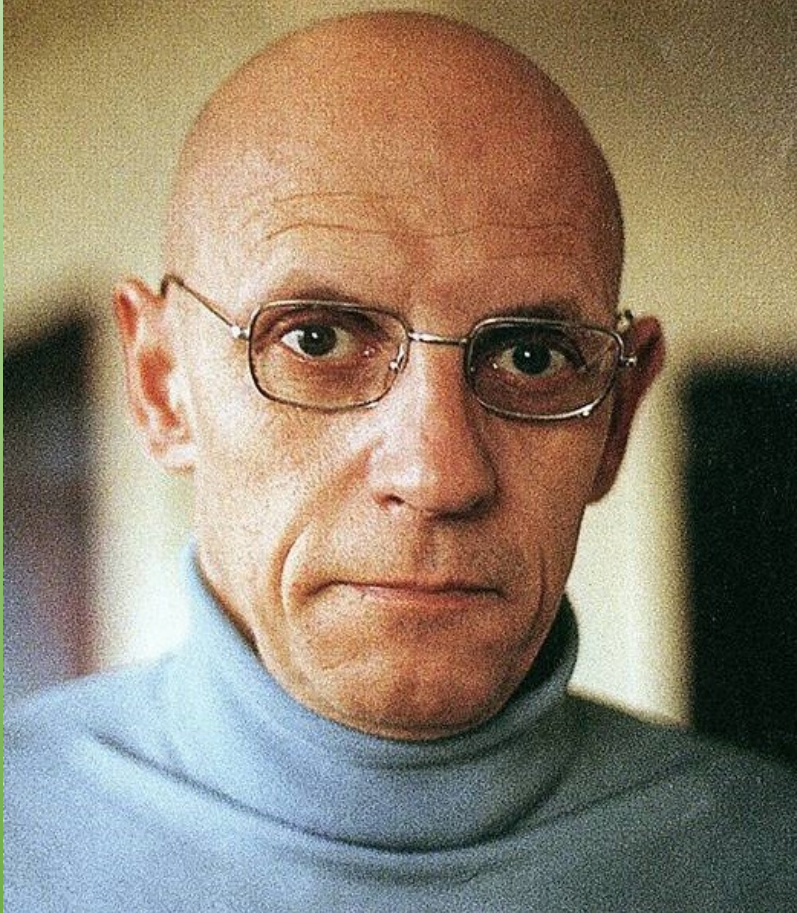


Michel Foucault

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Biography



- Born in 1926
- French nationality
- Homosexual
- Suicidal tendencies
- Philosophy and psychology
- Member of French Communist Party
- Political activist
- Died of AIDS in 1984

Foucault's philosophy

- Foucault does not fit into traditional schools of thought
- He did not write just for academic audience
- He did not see himself as advancing general theory

Concept of power and knowledge

- Prison and disciplinary institutions
- Power
 - How it is exercised
 - Micro-level
 - Repression, violence
 - Agents
 - Politics of everyday life

Discipline

- Aspects of power and knowledge which are masked
- Blockdisciplinary blocks
- Abilities, resources, relationships, communication
- Conditions:
 - Ideal model: Panopticon
 - Activities are planned and broken down into stages
 - Efficiency
- Social control
- The role of school

The modern school

- How does it change through years?
- Governance
- Modern power as a technique
- Normalising function
- Turning morality into a set of skills/desirable attitudes

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- 1975
- changes of the Western penal system
- influenced by Nietzsche and structuralism
- power/knowledge relationship

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- Panopticon – Bentham`s power/knowledge technique
- Panopticism – social theory by Foucault
- Discipline – technique of mass control