

Foucault social power chart*

Time of Flourishing**	1650-1789	1780-1820	1820-1968	1850-present	1980-present
Mode of Power	Sovereign	Social	Discipline	Biopower	Control***
Theory of Power	Juridical	Ideology****	Micro-physics	Governmentality	Neo-liberal
Primary Actor	King	Jurist	Expert	Subject	Self-entrepreneur
Primary Target	Bodies	Souls / Rights	Productive-political Capacities	Lives: Individual / Population	Personal capital
Primary Method To Access Target	Pain	Signs	Training	Survey / Confession	Diagnosis / Market research
Primary Practice To Attain Goal	Ceremony	Representation	Exercise / Examination	Normalization / Risk Management	Therapy / Investment
Most Intense Form	Torture	Theatrical Punishment	Panopticism	Sexuality	Pharmaco-genetics
Desired Outcome	Obedience	Community	Docility	Auto-control	Optimal Return On Investment
Form of knowledge	Law book	Philosophical essay	Dossier	Statistical manual	Price graph
Privileged Science	Jurisprudence	Philosophical psychology	Human sciences	Political economy	Micro-economics
Economic form of control	<i>Prélèvement</i> (simple taxes)	Public work	Fine / reward	Welfare / Insurance	Debt (Public / Household)

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** NB that none of the modes of power simply vanish even when they are no longer the dominant form; note also the present overlap of biopower and control.

*** Borrowing this term from Deleuze, "Postscript on Control Societies"

** ** Not in the Marxist sense, but in the Enlightenment sense. See DP 102.