Artists, Patrons and the Public: Why Culture Changes

DIALECTICS OF CULTURE

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- Lost Industry after WW2 and closure of Manchester Ship Canal
- In 1987 created 40 year plan to transform the derelict transport hub into a sparkling creative hub





- Biggest, most expensive Millennium project in the UK outside London
- Won Best Building for the Year 2000
- Attracted Imperial War Museum, Condos, Shopping Centers
- Won competition for BBC's Media City
- \$240-million investment led to \$3 billion in inward investment
- 6,500 new jobs



- In 1991 Bilbao faced
 - Declining industry
 - Rising Violence by State and ETA
 - Weak Future
- Approached Guggenheim to Build a Branch
- Private-Public Partnership Established



- Attracted more museums, cafes, hotels and shopping along the river
- \$125 million investment led to \$250 million GDP
- Creates 4,200 jobs
- Building a new "creativity campus"
- The words "Bilbao Museum" turns up an astonishing 2,480 000 mentions on 'google' compared to only 1,480 000 for "Guggenheim Museum"

VISION

A clear vision propels the project forward

Saadiyat Island: A Global/Local dialogue involving the Louvre, the Guggenheim and partnership with the British Museum for the National Sheik Zayed National Museum



LEADERSHIP

Strong, unified, flexible to get project built open and operating.

Salford City Council realized they didn't have the capability to manage such a complex project. They established an independent non-profit to build and operate the Lowry



CONTENT

Meaning stimulates cultural capital and drives participation.

Pompidou Center combines Library, Art, Design, Film, Media, children's zone and entertainment. Built in 1977, nine years after 1968, it is one of the earliest cultural infrastructure projects, transforming a derelict area of Paris into a creative hub



OUTSTANDING ARCHITECTURE

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NEW KNOWLEDGE FOR NEW PUBLICS

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GLOBAL CONNECTIONS

Great cultural projects attract great partners

Cultural investment in quality leads communities to becoming global players. Inspiring cultural projects attract partners – in education, sports, retail, creative industries and other cultural institutions.





- •Our working lives have been marked by the geographic shift of the industrial economy and the growth of the knowledge economy
- •Knowledge Economy= science, health, financial sectors, media, technology, culture
- Cities



Industrial Economy

- Physical strength
- Follow orders
- Organized
- Some problem solving
- Memorization
- Basic communication
- Aggregate

Knowledge Economy

- Intellectual strength
- Lead
- Individualistic
- All problem solving
- Improvisation
- Great communication
- CREATE!



What is CULTURE?

The transformation of nature and society that is fundamental to all human activity.

Physical Culture:

Procreation,
Childbirth,
Health, Medicine, Sport, Sex,
Reproduction and
Disposal of the Body

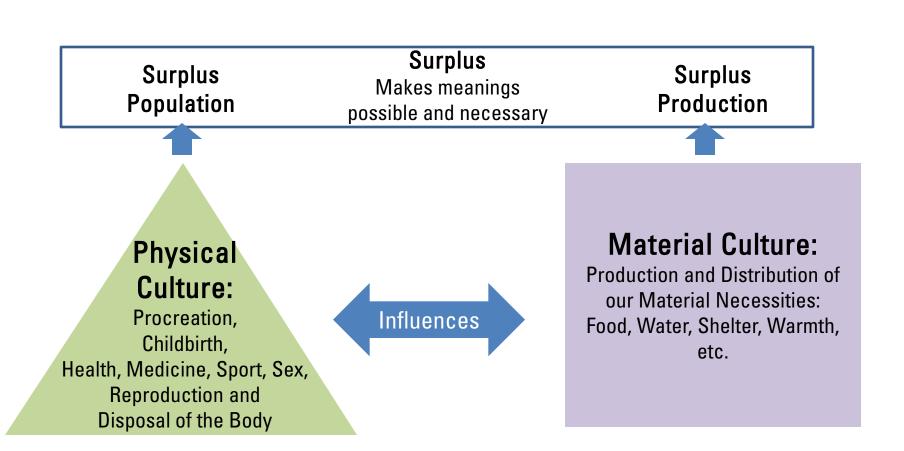
Influences

Material Culture:

Production and Distribution of our Material Necessities: Food, Water, Shelter, Warmth, etc.







Aesthetic Culture: Meanings

Meanings apprehended by our senses & our imagination

Social-Political Culture:

Meanings apprehended intellectually

Surplus Population

Surplus

Makes meanings possible and necessary

Surplus Production



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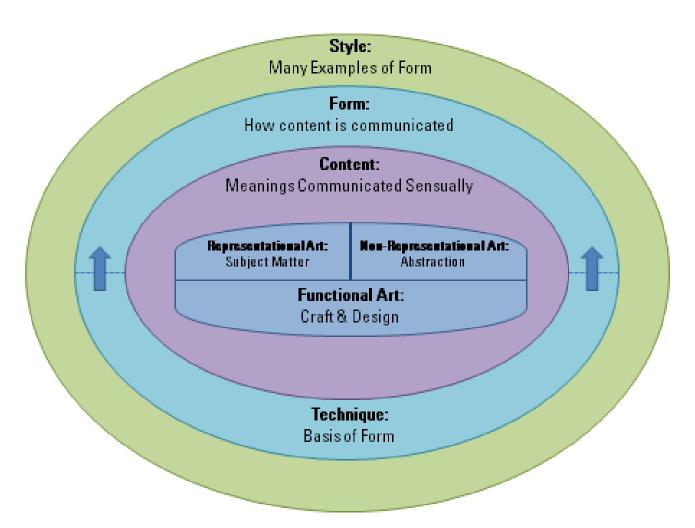
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DEFINITIONS



SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF CULTURAL CHANGE

EACH SOCIAL GROUP HAS ITS OWN CULTURE



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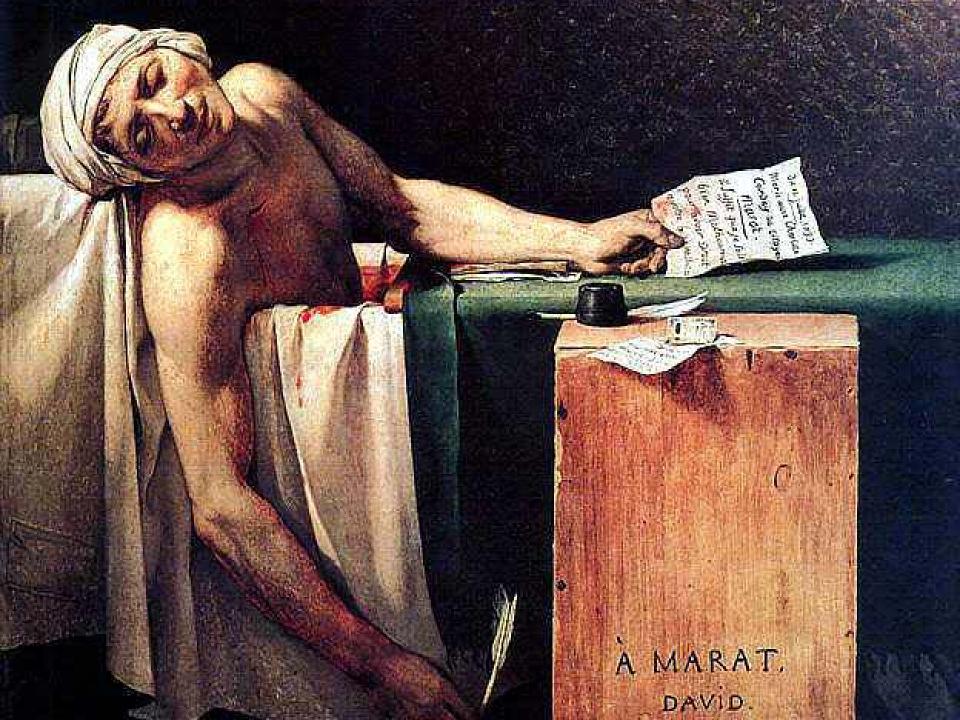
PACH SOCIAL GROUP SEEKS ITS OWN VALUESIN THE ART IT PATRONIZES.

"After all, each social class seeks in its art the pathetic grandeur of its victory in its historic struggle." - Vsevolod Pudovkin (1893-1953)



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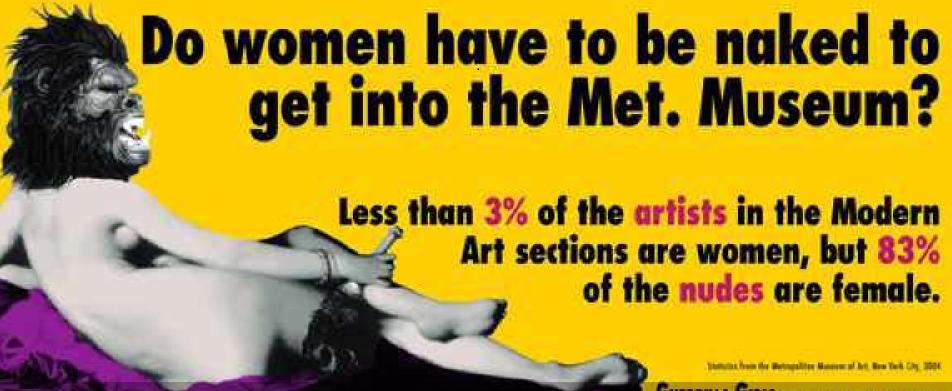
CULTURE CHANGES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHANGES IN ACCESS TO SURPLUS.



5 QUANTITATIVE CHANGE IN PATRONAGE LEADS TO QUALITATIVE CULTURAL CHANGE



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INTERCULTURAL ASPECTS OF CULTURAL CHANGE OFFER NEW OPPORTUNITIES.



King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture

(Dhahran, Saudi Arabia)

Architects: Snohetta, 2013

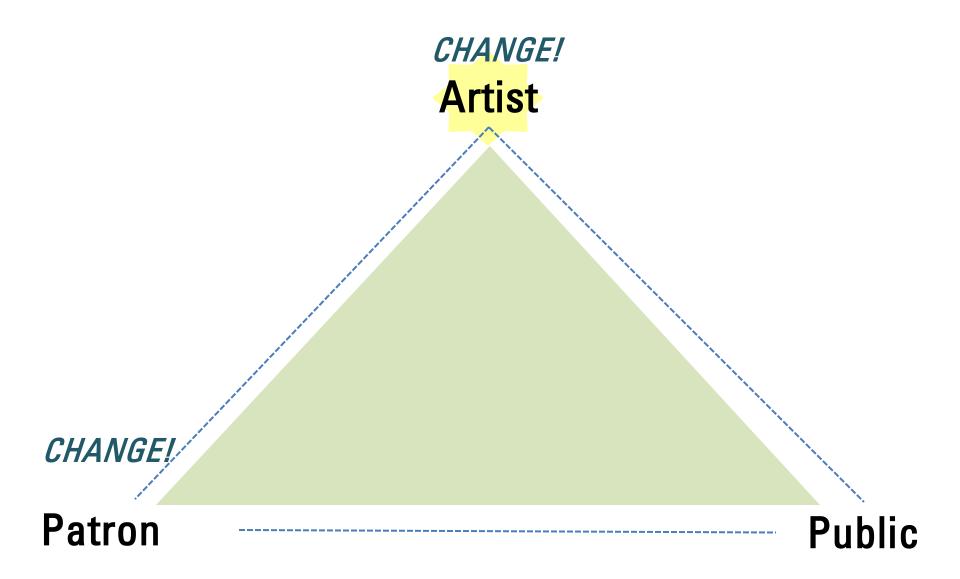


Agents of Cultural Change:







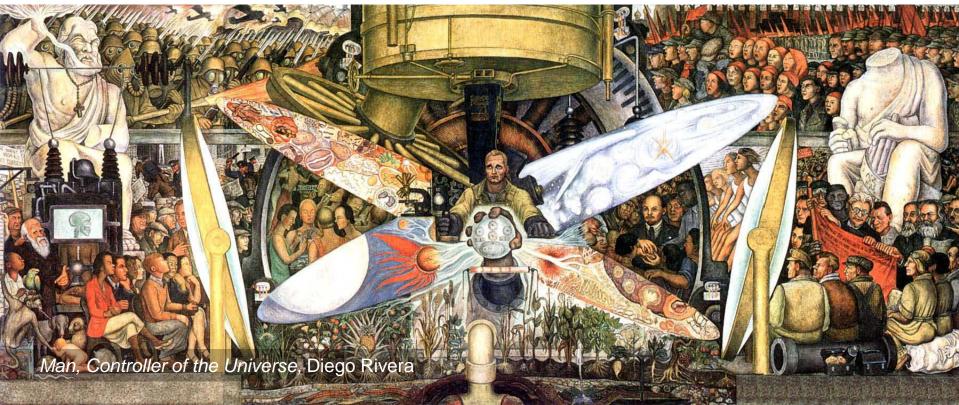






'We need a type of theatre which not only releases the feelings, insights and impulses possible within the particular historical field of human relations in which the action takes place, but employs and encourages those thoughts and feelings which help transform the field itself' - Berthold Brecht



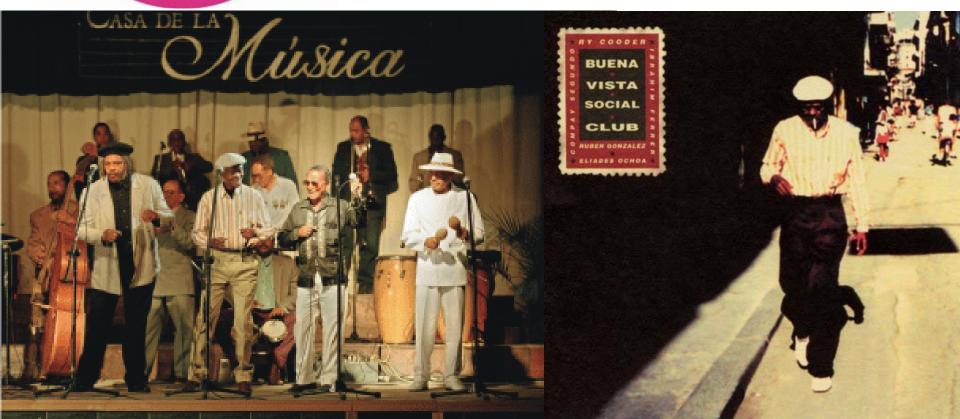








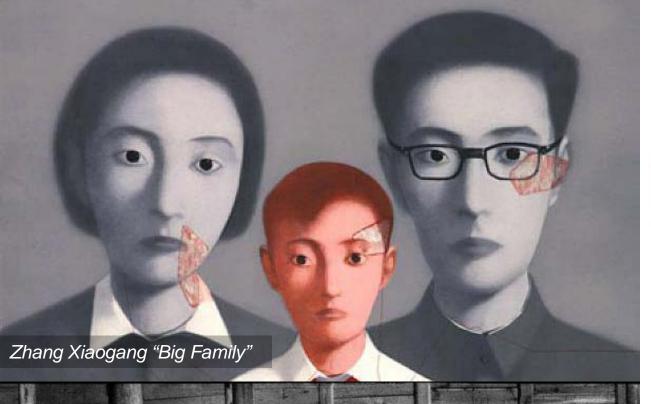






























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