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How Power Leads to Inequality

It starts with powers that lead to inequality. Once a leader is in total control of his people, he will start manipulating the people into doing thing that he wants. This leads to inequality because the leader is not doing anything but ordering the people around.

 For example, in Animal Farm, George Orwell shows how people and animals are inherently unequal through the pigs, Boxer, and the unintelligent animals. After the animals chased off Mr. Jones and his men, the pigs started to become more controlling and eventually Napoleon became their leader. The original goal of the rebellion was for all animals to be equal and to live together in freedom with no human begins to control them. However, after the rebellion the pigs came in control of the other animals. The pigs did not have to work like the rest of the animals and they still have more to eat compared to the other animals where they are starving. Orwell illustrated that the pigs are being unfair, unequal and controlling through this statement “the pigs did not actually work, but directed and supervised the others” (45). This quote shows that the pigs do not do anything but watch the animals work and tell them what to do. The pigs consider supervising and directing to be their job and work. Because of this they believe that they should be the leaders and everyone has to listen to them. This quote also shows that the animals’ goal of equality and freedom was not going to be achieved because the animals are under the pigs’ control. The pigs are controlling them and they have no freedom at all. But the animals did not know that. They actually thought that they are working for themselves, not for the pigs. They feel happy about their works and they did not regret the energies that they put into the harvesting. Because it was going to be them who produced the foods, not some cruel human begins. They have no ideas that the pigs were even using them to do the works until later on when they finally realized it. The pigs controlled the animals in an unequal and unfair way.

Boxer is a character that represented inequality. Boxer is the hardest worker out of all the animals in the farm. He even gets up a couple of hours early to work. He worked very hard and still he never got his retirement. The animals were supposed get to their retirement when they reach a certain age. But when Boxer turned 12 he never got his retirement. “At the beginning, when the laws of Animal Farm were first formulated, the retiring age had been fixed for horses and pigs at twelve. For a horse, it was said, the pension would be five pounds of corn a
day and, in winter, fifteen pounds of hay, with a carrot or possibly an apple on public holidays. Boxer's twelfth birthday was due in the late summer of the following year” (114-115). This quote illustrates the retirement age for a horse and how it was supposed to be like when a horse retire. It was going to be relaxing and happy, he was just supposed to sit and gaze off into the field.
However, when he turned 12 he did not get to retire. He also did not get the help that he was supposed to receive when got injured. Instead, he was sent to the knacker. Squealer even lied about his death to the other animals. He told the other animals that Boxer died in happiness but the truth was he did not. Even the hardest and best worker still never got recognized or awarded. Boxer’s gullibility is also what increased the inequality that he receives from the pigs. He believed everything that Napoleon say. Boxer even got a motto saying “Napoleon is always right.” Whatever Napoleon says Boxer would believe it and go with it without questioning or asking. Because of his gullibility the pigs thinks that the other animals are just like him and they will do everything that Boxer do. Since he inspires them and the others look up to him. Also
because he never complains, the pigs think that they could make him do anything. Even though he did everything, at the end it still was not what he expected to get. He expected a retirement and happy life but he was sent to the knacker instead.

 Orwell also shows how the animals are inherently unequal through the unintelligent animals. The unintelligent animals were treated very badly by the pigs. They were used as slaves. They were forced to work and manipulated by Squealer. Squealer manipulated the animals into doing things that the pigs need and wants. The animals have to work or else their food rations get reduced and they get threaten by the dogs. The day that they’re supposed to get off of work became a work day too. They do not even have retirement anymore as promised by the pigs. The animals worked under the pigs. They have to do everything that the pigs say or Napoleon would threaten them with his bodyguard dogs. This also increased the inequality that the animals received because they cannot do anything back to the pigs. They have no choice but do as what the pigs want. Beside the dogs, the pigs even wrote it out that they more equal compare to the other animals. “All animals are equal, but some are more equal than others” (133). This quote shows that all the animals are equal but the pigs are more equal than the rest of them. The other animals were treated unequal because Napoleon abused his power. He made the lives of the other animals’ hard. While the pigs imposed more control and reserved more privileges for them that they even changed the original commandments to fit their needs.

In conclusion, everyone became unequal because of unequal power. Since Napoleon and the pigs had power they have been manipulating, ordering, and forcing the rest of the other animals to do their work. Humans are also unequal because of power too. In the Russian Revolution, Stalin and his people represent the inequality of humans. Stalin is just like Napoleon. He lied to his people that everything would better if they follow him and do what he said. If they support him and he became leader, he would make the economy better. He would end Russia’s participation in WWI (where a lot of people had lost their lives and many people were tiring of the fighting) and he promised economic reform. Stalin promised to reform this system and allow the peasants ownership of their land and a real stake in the economy. But at end the people ended up being worse than ever just like the animals in Animal Farm.  The peasants even ended up homeless, they became poorer than before Stalin was even in control of them. Just like the Russian Revolution, before the rebellion, the animals had all these plans to achieve the dream that Old Major had before he died. The plans was for every animal to be equal without humans to control them, plenty of foods to eat, where they are the who produced it, and everyone’s going to get their retirement where they could just sit and gaze around the field. But at the end, this never happened. The pigs end up being the most powerful out of all other animals. The pigs became just like human beings. They began walking on two legs and they acted just like humans. No one is born equal whether it is animals or humans.