

## Cirkel Economy versus Government

Who has the *real* power? Who *actually* controls this world?

To answer these questions a framework was developed to illustrate the relationship between the two largest power groups. These two power groups consist of one, the corporate powers operating from within an economic system and two the political parties operating within a government structure. In this circle the two power groups are united in one framework, Dunamè. Dunamè is the Greek word for power.

### Explanation construction Dunamè framework

#### Economic system

The two ends of the spectrum, economic system are Communism and Capitalism. A person can influence a corporation within this economic system as a shareholder or through direct participation. A person with insufficient power cannot influence the principles and culture of a corporation. Within a corporation the power is concentrated around a small number of people. The principles of corporations are fixed in the choice made for the economic system. Both economic systems are known to have various appearances, whereby capitalism and communism in their weakest form are equal.

**Communism**

**Capitalism**

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#### Government structure

The two ends of the government structure spectrum are Democracy (exercised through two or more political parties) and Dictatorship (exercised by a single individual or ruling party). A person can influence a democracy by voting and/or direct participation in a political party. Within a political party the power is concentrated around a small number of persons. The principles and culture of a political party cannot be significantly influenced by a person unless s/he obtains a position with sufficient power. In a dictatorship a person has no influence other than to participate in their society according to preordained rules/standards. Both of these government structures are known in various appearances, whereby a dictatorship and a democracy in their weakest form are equal.

**Dictatorship**

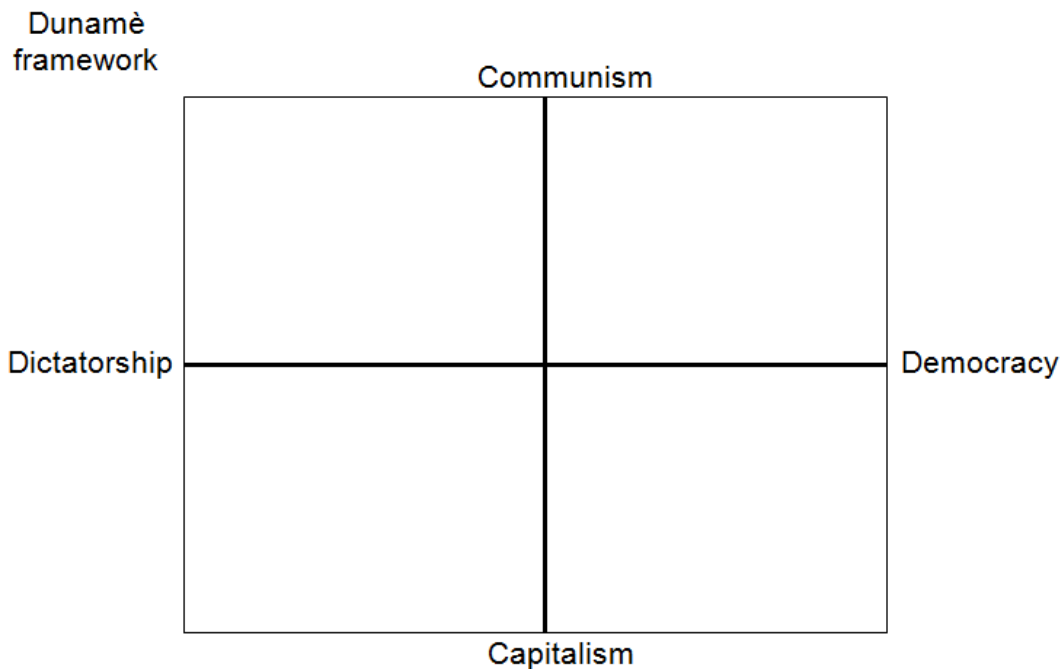
**Democracy**

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#### Conclusion

We conclude that the power held by corporations, political parties or dictatorships is limited to several persons wielding significant authority, whereby the influence of the ordinary person is minimal.

The power play between these two power groups is made visible in the Dunamè framework below.



### Explanation

Within the economic system the corporations fight for the power under the idea of a free market economy. Also within the government structure, political parties fight for the power. How does the fight unfold between the power groups of the government structure and the economic system? When the goals & objectives of both power groups are conflicting with each other, this fight will become more intense. If they are a continuation of, then cooperation between the power groups will follow. If one of the power groups modifies their goals and objectives, less power can be required. To what extent are the interests of people taken into consideration when the battle for power is fought?

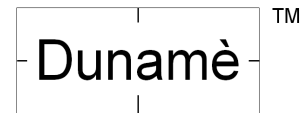
Is there is a power fight, are people informed, do they know the consequences of this fight for them personally? These power groups supply information to the people through media; TV, newspapers, illustrated magazines and the internet.

The way this information is supplied, is informing and frequently subjective, in other words a judgement is hidden. A question is seldom asked and if this is the case, how often is the correct question put forward?

### Application

Using the questioning method you go from topic to cause, to decision/legislation, to goal and objective. The power framework asks fundamental questions from which one gets insight how the circle "economy versus government" influences us directly and indirectly through culture.

The results of both axis show in which quadrant of the power framework a country/ population is situated. From this quadrant's position necessary steps can be defined



to reposition a country as the populations insight grows. Also in which areas of society these choices and steps are required to effectuate this re-positioning.

The power framework shows also which power group sits behind the current decision-making. This can be another group then the group which actually makes the decision.

#### Status Questioning method

The questioning method exists in draft form; the development will be probably in the Netherlands.