



# HOW BUILT URBAN FORM REINFORCES SOCIAL ORDER

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# HOW DOES BUILT URBAN FORM REINFORCE SOCIAL ORDER?



## PEOPLE IN POWER

People in power impose our built urban forms



## MONEY

In a Capitalist economy, money equates to power



## DECEPTION

Appearance of freedom allows built forms to enforce norms



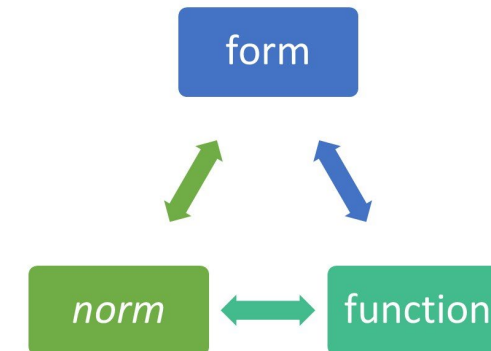
## SUBTLETY

Discreetly directs people to obey law

# THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK AND RESEARCH METHODS

Analyzed field notes using:

- Grounded Theory Approach in Practice
- Form, function, norm triad
- *Henri Lefebvre*- space is socially produced and not neutral
- *Michel Foucault*- Panopticon; self-policing, surveillance, and the perception of freedom
- *Allan Pred*- power relations of spaces





# ROADS, PARKING LOTS, AND STOP SIGNS

## Function:

- Deception of freedom
- Direct traffic
- Regulate car speed
- Illusion of safety
- Control people
- Support the car industry
- Support Capitalism



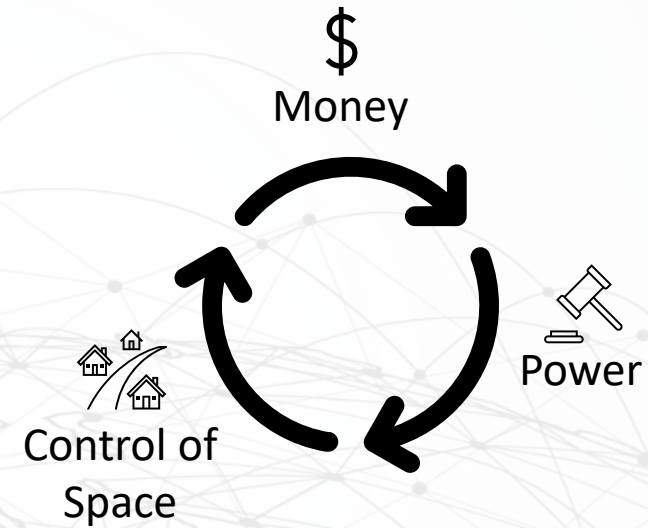
## Norm:

- Enforce social order
- Obedience
- Self-policing
- Self-surveillance



# RESULTS AND GLOBAL CONNECTION

- Capitalist values enforce specific types of built urban form and space
- Support societal norms
- Continue to uphold and support the capitalist system of production



Who and what has the power?

- People with money





# THANK YOU

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