

conjuncture; that is, not structurally and objectively determined.

Class position is thus distinguished from the structurally determined class location by which class interest is defined and hence, fixing the horizon of the class' struggle.<sup>9</sup> The class' position and interest may or may not coincide. Class alliance, which is a political class position, may or may not be based on shared class locations and hence, commonality of class interests.

Unlike the objective determination of class interest, class position is subjectively determined by the state of consciousness. Class consciousness depends greatly on political practices of social classes through the ideological and repressive apparatuses of the State. It refers to the ideology guiding classes in their political practices. The class' consciousness is false when it does not correspond with its interest. Alliances between classes may occur on the basis of false consciousness.

It is the dominated class that is likely to be exposed to false consciousness through the ideology of the dominant class, because (using Marx's words):

"...the ideas of the ruling class are in every epoch the ruling ideas, i.e., the class which is the ruling material force for society is at the same time its ruling intellectual force. The class which has the means of material production at its disposal has control at the same time over the means of mental production." 10

This is articulated in the relation of ideological-political domination/subordination materialized particularly in the State apparatuses. Moreover, the ruling class is constantly compelled to ideologically appeal to the producing class in an attempt to postpone the imposition of an alternative to the prevailing order.