



Freedom & Oppression *(1984)*

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Oppression & Freedom in *1984*

In George Orwell's *1984*, the world has become completely oppressed. We see this in:

- Thought Police
- Telescreens
- Forced Routines



Evidence of Oppression in “1984”

- “Big Brother is Watching You” (page 5).
- “Thought crime does not entail death; thoughtcrime is death.” (page 27).
- “Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past.” (page 44).
- “Sexual intercourse was to be looked on as a slightly disgusting minor operation, like having an enema.” (page 69).
- “We control matter because we control the mind. Reality is inside the skull.” (page 268).
- “But it was all right, everything was all right, the struggle was finished. He had won the victory over himself. He loved Big Brother.” (page 300).

IT IS NOT ACTUALLY AN ERA
OF FREEDOM WHEN OUR
SMARTPHONES HAVE BECOME
THE NEW TELESCREENS



Oppression & Freedom Nowadays



Freedom of Speech / Public Misinformation

News and Social Media companies control:

- What is posted
- What is removed
- What is shown / hidden

This creates a fake premise of freedom of speech.



Technology in Oppression



We have all agreed to carry our own personal telescreen, in our own pocket.

Not only can our phones be used to monitor our daily life but also the multiple cameras and other phones in our surroundings are tracking us all the time.

The concept of privacy is gone.

Social Media



Big companies are taking advantage of the younger generations by modifying their platforms to attract and control *their users*.

Teens and kids may not be aware they are being exploited for the benefit of the oligopolies.

They are free to be manipulated.

Oppression nowadays has taken the form of oligopolies, in which big companies pull the strings in most aspects of our lives in a way we don't even notice, just as in 1984, Oceania's citizens lived constantly oppressed by big government organizations.

