GRAMSCI’S CONCEPTION OF SPORT

Abstract
Bourdieu’s language has Foucaultian accents with reference to physical discipline. He claims that sport is the area where teaching someone the body discipline is more obvious than in other areas of cultural practice. He recognizes that the fight for common sense in contemporary politics is more Gramscian than Foucaultian. Bourdieu’s analysis has more imagination and utility than Foucault’s. Bourdieu recognizes that meanings assigned to sports practices are influenced by some social contexts where sports is consumed. In Bourdieu’s view body practices and beliefs are less sensitive to the centrality of the contradictions of the contemporary cultural life. The dominant meanings in sports are not consistently interpreted and they change historically. It is helpful that sports and body to associate with a theory of social power, structure and development that operates following the Gramscian model.

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