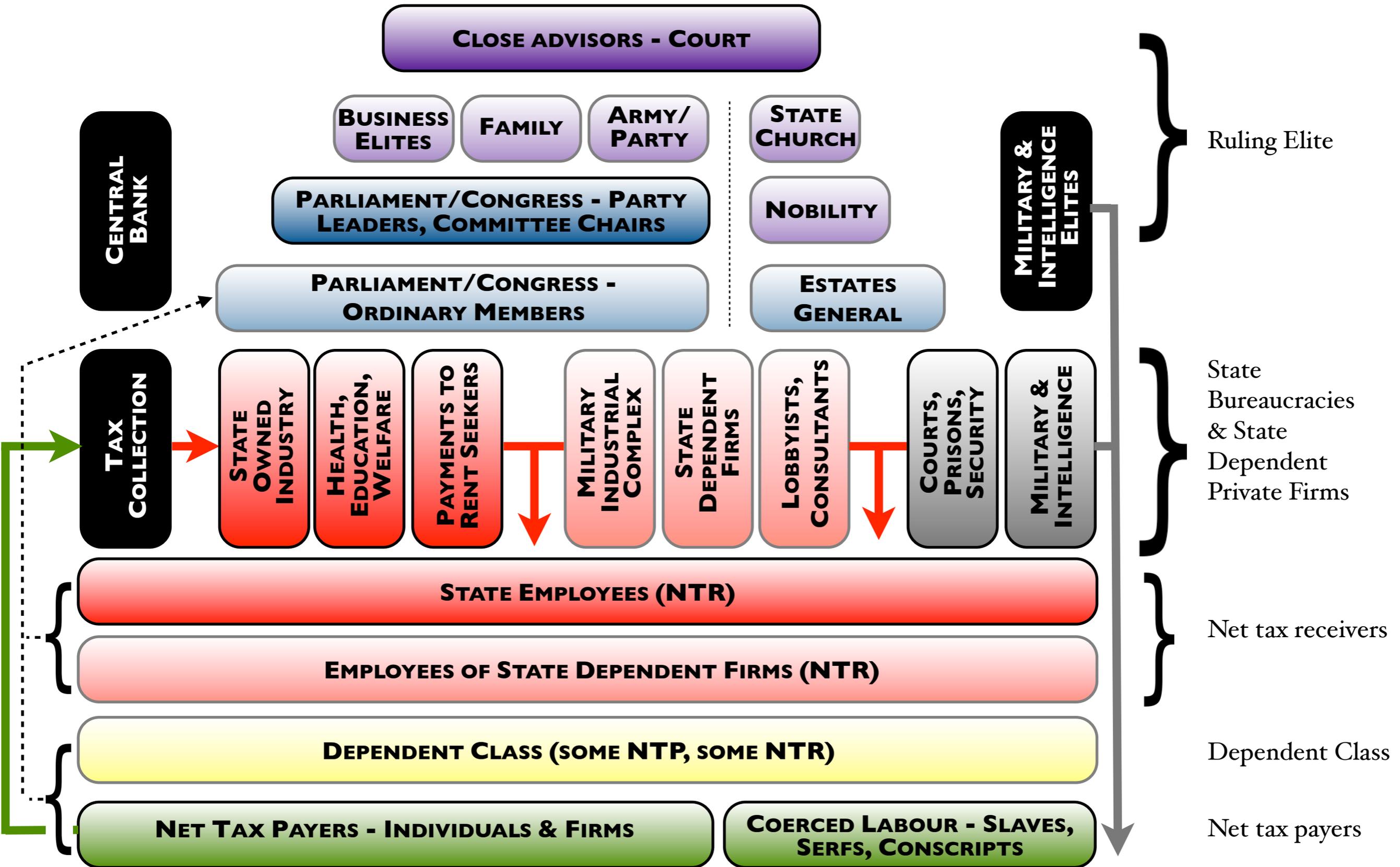




# The Institutions & Class Structure of the State

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# Key to Schematic of State Power & Class Structure



**CLOSE ADVISORS**

**ARMY/PARTY/  
BUSINESS/NOBLES**

**CONGRESSIONAL  
LEADERS**

**ORDINARY MPs**

**TAX  
COLLECTION**

**STATE  
SECURITY**

**STATE INSTITUTIONS &  
EMPLOYEES**

**STATE DEPENDENT  
FIRMS & EMPLOYEES**

**DEPENDENT CLASS**

**NET TAX PAYERS**

**The Sovereign Power** (King, President, Emperor).

**The Ruling Elite** (imperial purple and dark royal blue, bracketed by red bar) - the ultimate decision makers of policy, drawn from the ruling family, tribe, army, nobility, church, political party, senior leaders of congress or parliament, and legal, banking, industrial, security elites.

**Representatives of the People** elected to Congress or Parliament (pale blue) - the real power wielders in Parliament are the senior party leaders and the chairmen of the more important congressional committees. Most MPs are concerned with getting re-elected and serving the vested interests in their state or district.

**Command Centres** of the State and Economy (black) - institutions essential to the overall operation of the State (tax collection, control of money, violence) - Central Bank, security forces (army and police).

**Force Wielding Institutions** (steel grey) - institutions which have a monopoly of the use of force or violence - security, police, prisons, military. Grey arrows show direction of the use of force (downwards).

**State Bureaucracies, Institutions, & their Employees** (blood red) - net tax receivers (NTR) who usually have a state protected monopoly of an activity which may or may not exist in a free market.

**State Dependent Firms & their Employees** (pink) - nominally private firms which receive the bulk (perhaps all) of their income from the tax payers via state contracts. Net Tax Receivers.

**The Dependent Class** (yellow) - people who receive benefits from the state such as health, retirement, or other welfare. Some were NTP when working but are now NTR. Others have always been NTR.

**Net Tax Payers** (green) - consists of individuals and firms who pay more in taxes than they receive in state benefits. Historically, there have also been groups who have been forced to labour for little or no remuneration (slaves, serfs, conscripts). Green arrows show flow of tax money upwards. Red arrows show state payments flowing downwards.