"If power was never anything but repressive, if it never did anything but say no, do you really believe that we should manage to obey it?” (p.36)

This quote about the nature of power is interesting because it suggests many things. First, there is the idea that power must be something more than repressive. If power is more than repressive, then comes the task of identifying what that something else could be within power systems. If I understand this quote correctly, it also suggests that the something else, whatever it may be, is as responsible for people conforming. I think that there are a few possible explanations for conforming. There is the fact that those without power in the system aren’t aware that they are in such a system, and so they conform without being aware of it. It is also possible that people conform to a system of no, because they are aware of it and understand areas in which they themselves can have, and/or wield their power. The issue with this is that moving up, or around, within the power system does nothing to change it. It only reaffirms it. The difficulty I have with Foucault is that the bleak outlook on power systems. According to him there isn’t anything that people can do to change power, unless it is a massive uprising, but it would seem that the small beginnings of such a movement would be stopped by the power system.