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Under such conditions, withdrawal from social participation is not best understood as despair or degeneration. It is a rational response to a system in which outcomes remain desirable, yet structurally unreachable, and where others are visibly enjoying those outcomes in real time. Participation declines not because rewards vanish, but because hope collapses as an expectation.

This reinterpretation serves as a bridge between micro-level behavioral response and macro-level circulation failure frameworks.

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