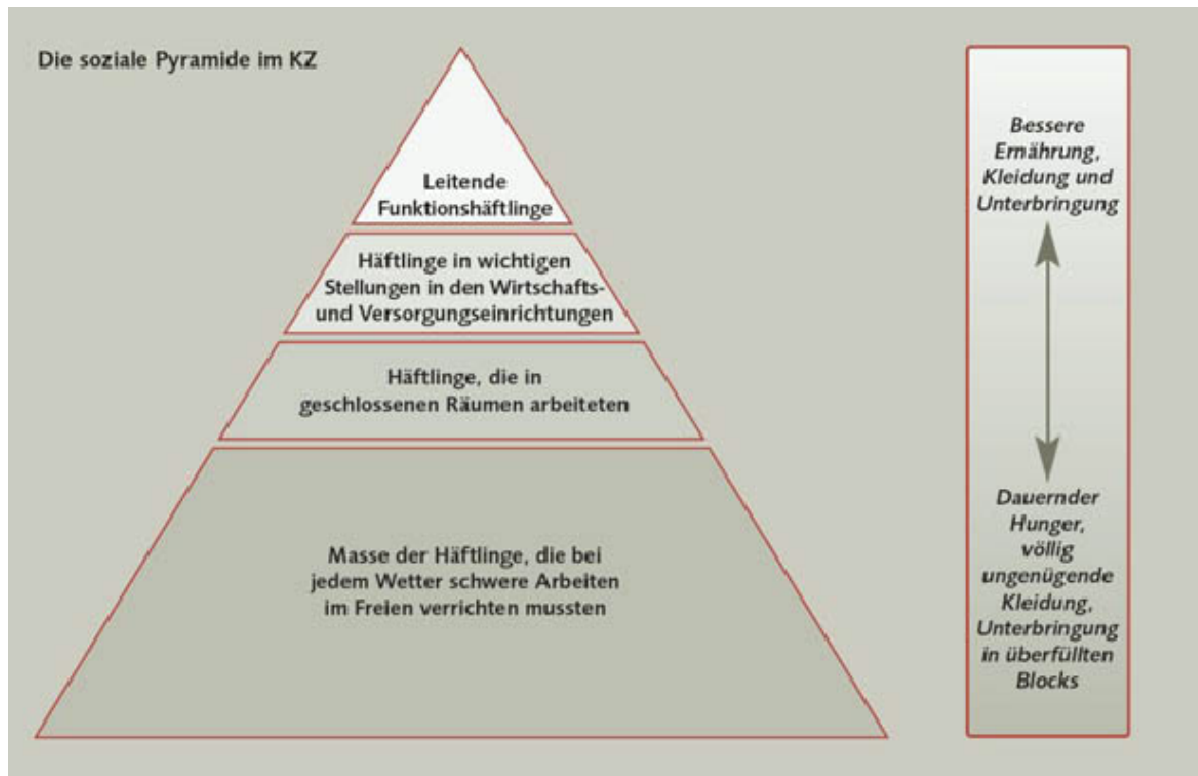


Graph of the Camp's Social Hierarchy



The further a prisoner rose in the camp's hierarchy, the better his or her living conditions became. Prisoners with a high social status in the camp were given privileged housing and received better food and clothing than the vast majority of their fellow prisoners.

The Kapo Willi Müller



Prisoners who were at the top of the social pyramid of the concentration camp, like the "1st Kitchen Kapo" Willi Müller, could be recognised because they were dressed better than their fellow prisoners. While ordinary prisoners generally wore ill-fitting, dirty and torn uniforms, some prisoner functionaries were even able to afford an attendant who cleaned their clothes. Willi Müller, a former prisoner from Germany, was imprisoned in Neuengamme from December 1938 to late April 1943, and again from early June 1943 until 1944.
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