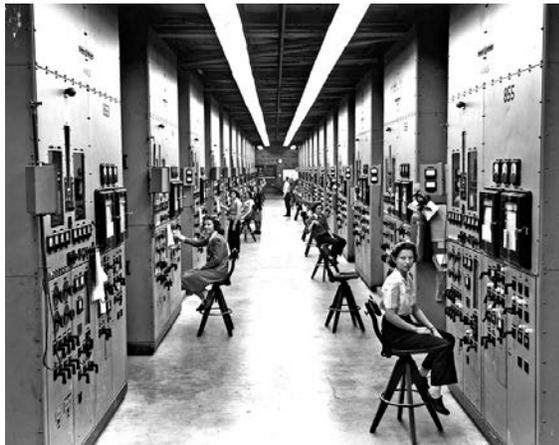


# Fordism, The Manhattan Project & Big Science

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The World War Two atomic bomb project mobilized academic science for military purposes. But it also connected this scientific work with large-scale industry at the height of Fordism, or mass production. This paper examines the political economy of the Manhattan Project, and the significance of this model of military-industrial organization, for the development of American capitalism and science after the war.