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**Modernity** is the historical condition produced when societies develop from localized, agrarian existences (feudalism, for example) into post-traditional, post-medieval, large-scale social systems characterized by:

* capitalist competition,
* industrialization,
* secularization,
* rationalization.
* globalization

Modernity is defined by the dominance of

the nation-state and its institutions

of consensus, control,

and surveillance.