

# Review: 10 1/2 Big Ideas

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# To Your iClickers...

**Which of these is not on my list of 10 1/2 Big Ideas for the 20th century?**

- A. Exploding **material wealth**.
- B. The **feminist-demographic transition**.
- C. The **conquest of the Americas by Europeans**.
- D. Governments **inability to manage** their economies for steady prosperity.
- E. They are all on the list...

# To Your iClickers...

**Which of these is not on my list of the top 4 Big Ideas for the 20th century?**

- A. Exploding **relative economic gulfs**.
- B. The **totalitarian tyrannies**.
- C. The **Great Filter**.
- D. Governments **inability to manage** their economies for steady prosperity.
- E. None of them are among the top four...

# To Your iClickers...

Which of these is on my list of 10 1/2 Big Ideas for the 20th century, but not among the top 4?

- A. Exploding **relative economic gulfs**.
- B. The **steaming away of entrenched ascribed social orders**.
- C. Exploding **material wealth**.
- D. Governments **inability to manage** their economies for steady prosperity.
- E. They are all among the top four...

# Four Biggest Ideas: The Major Threads

1. The twentieth century saw the **material wealth** of humankind explode beyond all previous imagining.
2. The twentieth century's **tyrannies** were the most brutal and barbaric in history.
3. The twentieth century saw **relative economic gulfs** between different economies explode.
4. Governments' **inability to manage** their economies for stable prosperity.

# Six Subsidiary Threads

1. The **Milanovic-Kuznets inequality waves**
  2. The **demographic and feminist transition**
  3. How **societal orders were steamed away**
  4. The **Polanyian Perplex**: in a market society in which the only rights that really matter are property rights—but people think they have, or perhaps ought to have, other rights as well
  5. **Robots and the rise of the overclass**
  6. **The fall of formal empires**
- And what about **the Great Filter**?

# We Have a Lot to Do! Let's Get Started!

- Ten interwoven stories to tell...
- Comments?
- Questions?

