

Modernisation

Modernisation is a process of economic, social, and cultural development that is expected to lead to a level of organization and production, along with belief systems, similar to those already achieved by INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES, primarily based on examples from the West. Consistent with a general western idea of progress according to which human knowledge and rationality increasingly triumph over ignorance and adversity and improve the conditions of human life, it was generally assumed that modernization was inevitable and global. But as former colonial societies in Asia, Africa, the Pacific, and the Caribbean became independent nations following World War II, much concern was expressed over how, or even if, this modernization process would occur. This concern was also directed at Latin America, which was similarly regarded as "underdeveloped."

Future vision of the reality of development in Iraq

In the last century and the beginning of the present century, our Iraqi society has been subjected to violent upheaval, regional wars, internal conflicts, environmental disasters and structural imbalances that have resulted in many fundamental changes in concepts, values, beliefs and loyalties.