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THE EVOLUTION OF REVOLUTION

All evolve: people, living things, the environment, cultures, religions, and technologies – change is a normal part of growth. Reform describes actions or process changes (typically incremental and systematic) made in order to improve something. However, when change is sudden, fundamental, often subversive or dramatic, we experience a complete shift in our conception of life, and we call it revolution. A hallmark of Western learning has often been to study forces of change, as those factors that question tradition are those that are the most significant. The Evolution of Revolution invites us to think broadly about these dramatic societal, technological, and personal changes that propel us to new ways of being, individually and as communities.

