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Why do societies fail? With lessons from the Norse of Iron Age Greenland, deforested Easter Island and present-day Montana, Jared Diamond talks about the signs that collapse is near, and how — if we see it in time — we can prevent it. (Source: TED)



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## Further readings:

- Diamond, Jared. Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies . New York: W. W. Norton, 1997.
- Diamond, Jared. Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed. New York: Viking, 2005.

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