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**Diamond, Jared, "Why do Societies Collapse?"**

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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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