

Several Possible Scenarios for the Future

What type of society do we want to leave to our children and grand-children ?

As people become aware or grow more used to the notion that they are living in a society going through a rupture with the past, they will discover that they also possess an unique opportunity to change their individual and collective futures.

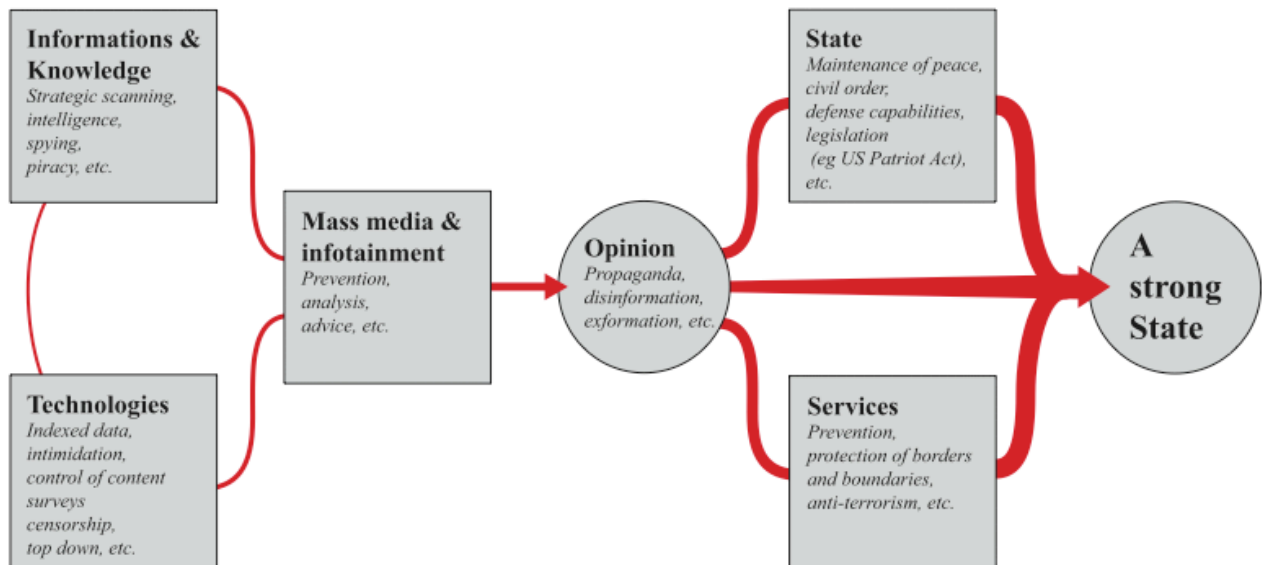
According to whether they place **GDP**, **GNH** (*Gross National Happiness*) or **GGP** (*Gross Green Product*, based on the use of natural resources) at the center of their thinking, their society may become more focused on consumption, democracy, or on ecological conservation.

A single unique model does not exist, but there are several new or emerging initiatives inspired by various cultures and contexts. Thus, there are several scenarios available for us to consider. Do we want a strong and controlling state, a society wherein the citizen's participation is a defining characteristic, or a paradise for consumers ?

What choices will we make ?

Postindustrial 14 (Scenario 1) :

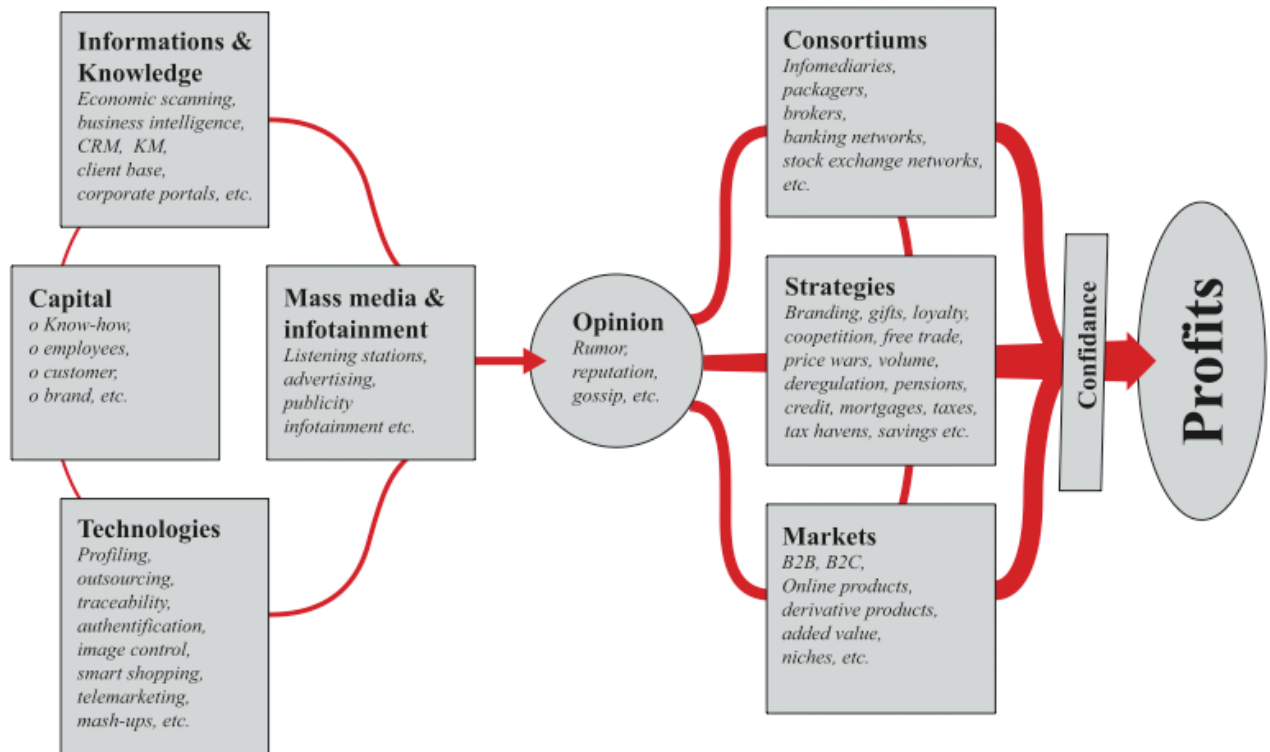
The mechanisms of state security



- **Power** : society directed by the elite.
- **Milieu** : the State.
- **Goal** : the rule of law.
- **Values** : discipline, patriotism, loyalty, respect for authority, etc.

Postindustrial 15 (Scenario 2) :

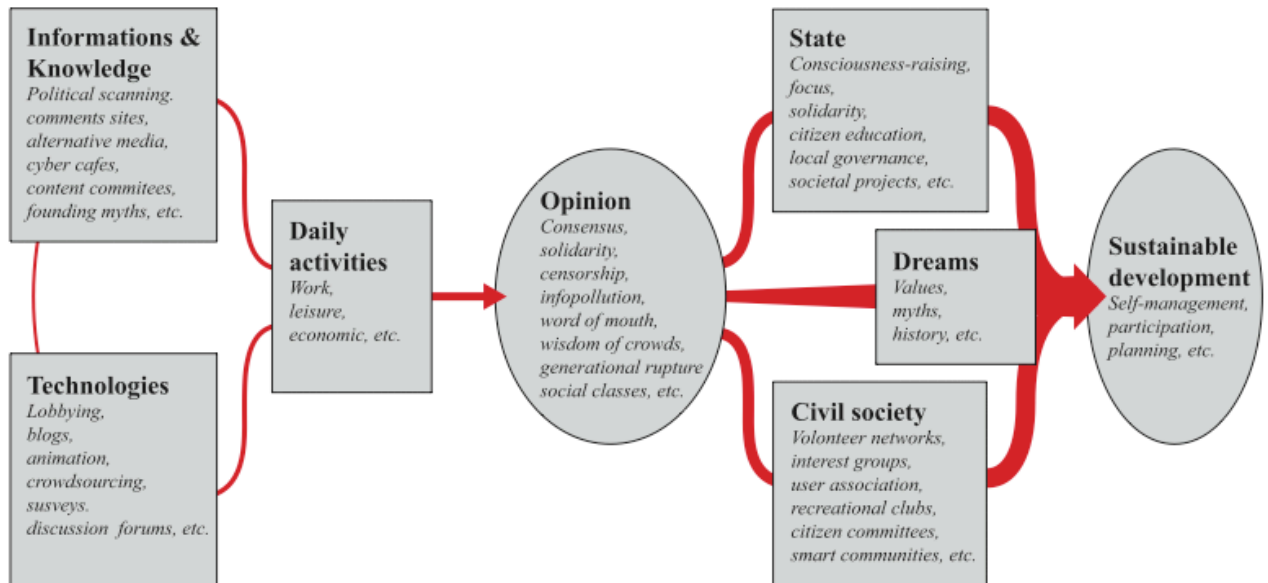
The mechanisms of a Consumer Society



- **Power** : a society of consumers managed by marketers.
- **Milieu** : the markets.
- **Goal** : shopping and buying everything we think we need.
- **Values** : gifts, credit, competition, personalisation, etc.

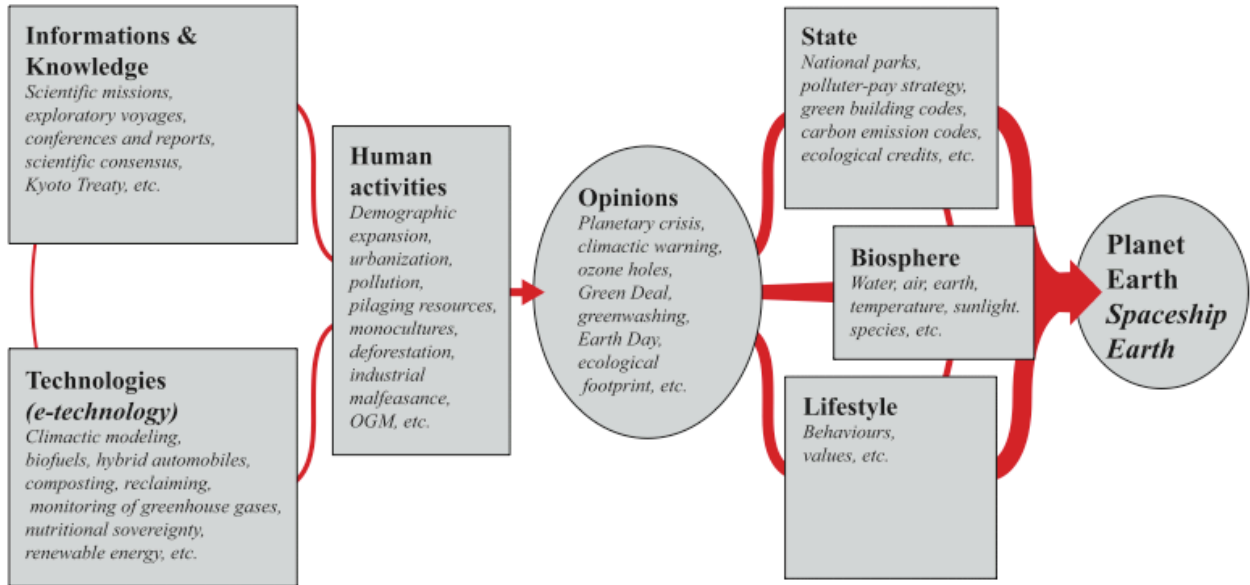
Postindustrial 16 (Scenario 3) :

The Participatory State



- **Power** : a society directed by peoples' opinions.
- **Milieu** : interest groups and collectivities.
- **Goal** : an environment in which I am considered.
- **Values** : solidarity, respect for differences, involvement, well-being, tolerance, empowerment, engagement, etc.

The mechanisms of a green society



- **Power** : humanity must not live beyond its ecological means ; the Earth is our only home.
- **Milieu** : the biosphere
- **The goal**: leaving the planet in all is splendor to future generations
- **The values of eco-citizenship**: a circular economy; zero-waste, energy self-sufficient homes, reduction of personal carbon footprints, recycling, green (renewable) energy (solar, wind, geo-thermal, etc.)

**What do YOU think ?
What's your personal vision ?**

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