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THE CIVILIZING PROCESS

- According to Elias, western norms of civilization are produced by the increasing differentiation of social functions produced by competition.
- Somewhat paradoxically, the more differentiated the number of behaviors, the more stable each behavior or function becomes.
- Moreover, the more differentiated functions become, the more intertwined they are with other functions.

