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- Habermas believed societies required integration, but society is also in conflict.
- He views democratic capitalism as an “unfinished project.”
- **Main insight:** The core integrative function of communication has been increasingly disabled, or “**colonized**,” in advanced capitalist societies.
- As a result, the legitimation of social institutions’ (e.g., the State), or citizens’ sense that the they are benevolent and in their best interest and deserving of their support and adherence, is in crisis.





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