





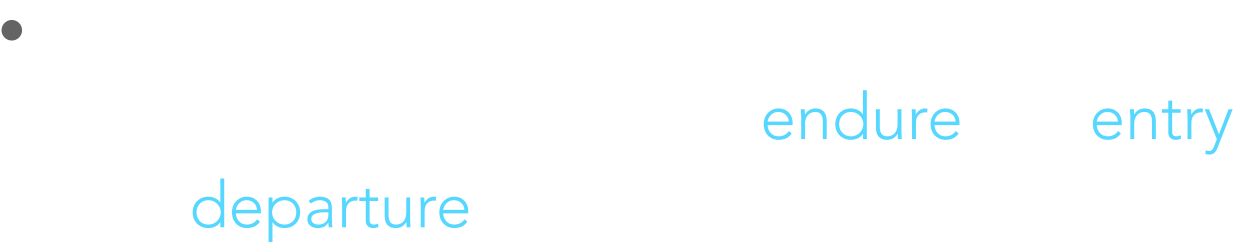






● institutions

fictions



departure

endure

entry



lost

respect

reverence



crumble

























# SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS AS FICTIONS

- Social **institutions** are — to use Yuval Harari's concept in the Sapiens reading — shared **fiction**s.
- They require people to create and maintain them, but they **endure** the **entry** and **departure** of individual members.
- Only if a social institution has **lost** the **respect** and **reverence** of enough members will it fall apart — consider the French Revolution.
- Usually, however, social institutions **crumble** far more slowly than changes made during revolutions.





# STRENGTH OF SOCIAL INSTITUTIONS



