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Chapter 15: The World Is Messed Up: Discuss

1. Hauss begins Chapter 15 with the story of a question a student once asked him to include in a final examination. "The world is messed up. Discuss." Does that statement make sense to you given what you have learned so far? Why (not)?

2. Conduct your own SWOT analysis and reach your own assessment of the likely future of comparative politics.

3. Some analysts doubt whether comparative politics has a paradigm or not. What do you think? Why did you reach this conclusion?

4. Why are political paradigms so hard to shift?

5. Can political systems evolve in the same ways that natural ones do? Why do you reach this conclusion?