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Chapter 17: Toward a Paradigm Shift

1. The final chapter of *Comparative Politics* begins with a statement by Thomas Friedman in which he claims that we are at a fork in the road or a major turning point in global political life. Given what you have learned in this course, do you agree with Friedman's statement? Why (not)?
2. The chapter claims that a shift toward a new, more cooperative approach to power is possible in the not-so-distant future. Given what you have learned in this course, do you agree? Why (not)?
3. Complexity theorists argue that the world faces more serious, interconnected "wicked" problems. Do you agree? Why (not)?
4. Hauss argues that a political paradigm shift is possible. Most political scientists, however, do not agree with him. Which position is closer to your own? Why do you reach that conclusion?