

end of history

The "end of history" is a concept Francis Fukuyama expanded on in his book *The End of History and the Last Man*, published in 1992. Fukuyama claims that with the fall of Communism and the subsequent rise of liberal democracy, all history has ceased to exist. Since democracy and capitalism are now widely accepted throughout the world, there is no longer a competitive alternative and therefore no significant historical events to change the course of history. Fukuyama's definition of "history" not only refers to these events but also to any social, cultural, or ideological evolution that the human race may experience.

Fukuyama's idea resembles that of [Alexandre Kojève](#), who theorized that the "American way of life" runs dominant in the post-historical world and that humans have replaced deep understanding and meaning with temporary and immediate satisfaction.