

Over the past ten years, the Trend Report has developed an analysis of the basic restructuring of America. The following list identifies basic shifts which are part of this restructuring. The "FROM" column identifies where we have been and the "TO" column identifies where we are going.

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<u>FROM</u>	-----	<u>TO</u>
an industrial society	-----	an information society
a centralized society	-----	a decentralized society
North	-----	South
a national economy	-----	an integrated global economy
forced technology	-----	high tech/high touch
either/or	-----	multiple option
physics-oriented technologies	-----	biology-oriented technologies
economies of scale	-----	appropriate scale
a managerial society	-----	an entrepreneurial society
left brain	-----	right brain
institutional medicine	-----	personal responsibility
sickness orientation	-----	wellness orientation
hierarchies	-----	networking
representative democracy	-----	participatory democracy ✓
short term	-----	long term
printing	-----	telecommunications
department store chains	-----	boutiques
family as basic unit	-----	individual as basic unit
party politics	-----	issue politics
machismo society	-----	androgynous society
resource exploitation	-----	resource conservation
quantitative information	-----	qualitative knowledge
myth of the melting pot	-----	celebration of cultural diversity
material productivity	-----	knowledge productivity
hired labor	-----	contract labor
institutional help	-----	self help
left vs. right politics	-----	a politics of the <u>radical center</u> ✓ <i>left + right meet</i>
conquerors of nature	-----	partnership with nature
vertical society	-----	horizontal society
top-down society	-----	bottom-up society
business as usual	-----	greater accountability



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