

2005 Forward Engagement Committee Recommendations

Forward Engagement Course
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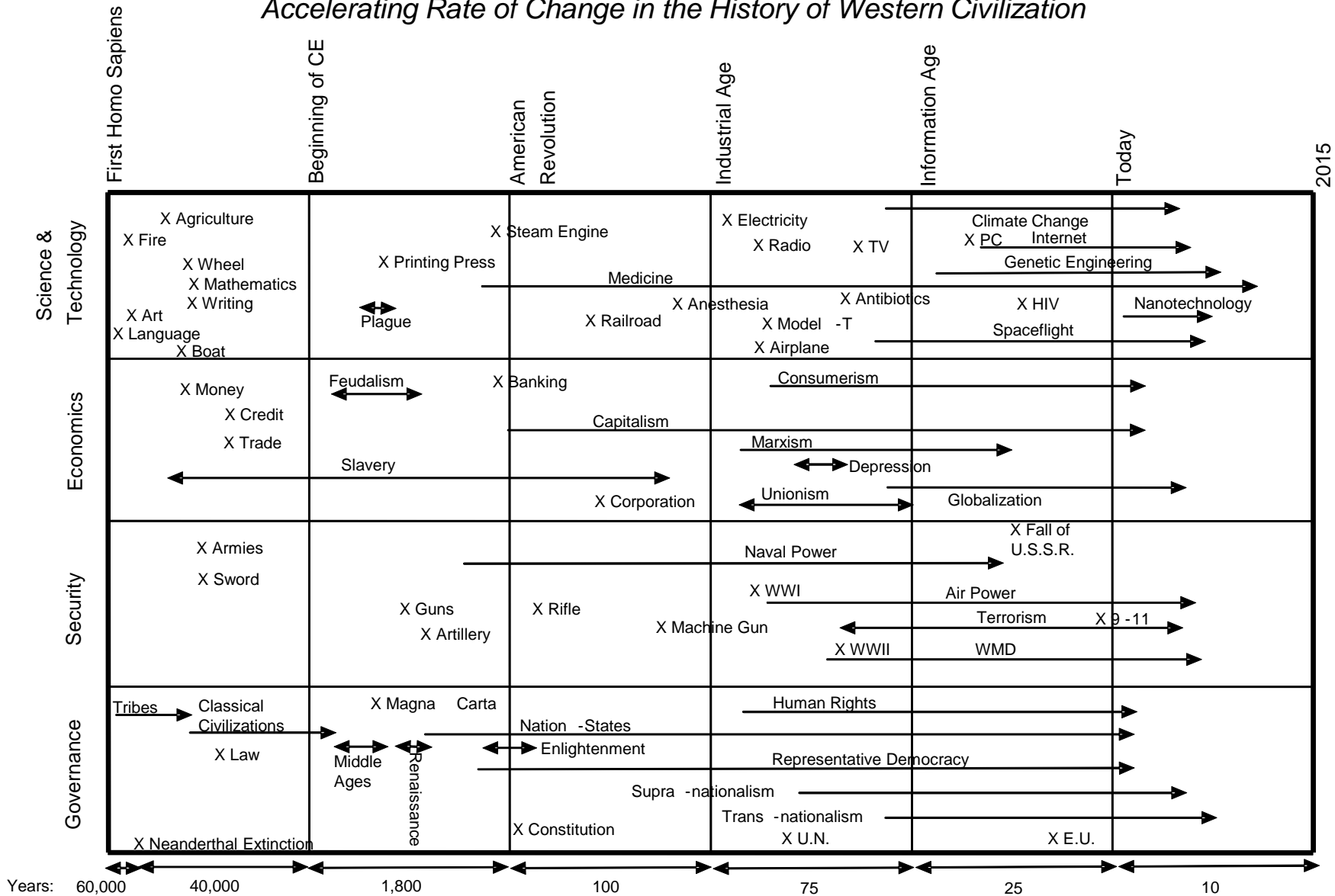
Agenda

- Definition of Forward Engagement
- Future Contingencies of Interest
- FCIs and Congress
 - Fall 05 Panel Objectives
 - Spring 05 Panel Recommendations
 - Fall 05 Panel Recommendations
- Conclusions

Definition of Forward Engagement

- Acceleration of history has potential for major societal/international consequences
- Government/society needs to respond with policy and resources
- System required to:
 - Identify
 - Investigate
 - Inform

Accelerating Rate of Change in the History of Western Civilization



More & More Change, Less & Less Time

Future Contingencies of Interest

- Global Pandemics
- Long life expectancy
- Weather
- Convergence, the Brain
- Biology of the Soul
- Government tracking
- End of Energy Scarcity
- End of Water Scarcity
- U.S. Internet control
- Unexpected oil production peak

Fall 2005 Panel Mission

- Improve consistency and forwardness of Future Contingencies of Interest (FCIs)
- Assess and improve on Spring 2005 legislative model
- Write legislation forming commissions to address FCIs

Spring 2005 Recommendations

- Two special Commissions
 - House Annual Commission on Forward Engagement (HACFE)
 - Senate Annual Commission on Forward Engagement (SACFE)
- One year Commission cycle, within existing Congressional cycle
- Bipartisan Commission membership

Current Panel Recommendations

- Consider opportunities and risks in identification of FCIs
- Legislate creation of HACFE and SACFE
 - Partisan Commissions:
 - Chair – Majority party
 - Vice-Chair – Minority party
 - Liaisons from DoD, JCS, NSC, ODNI
- Engage NGO's, Universities and Private Sector
 - Staffing, research and testimony

Commission Members & Staff

Members

- Majority and minority leaders choose Commission chair and vice-chair, respectively
- Majority and minority leaders each choose three Commission members
- Appointed for renewable two year terms
- High-level security clearance required

Staffs

- Executive Director appointed for 3 year (renewable) term
- Primary Commission support staff hired by director
- Topical experts hired for 4-6 month assignments during Forward Engagement cycle
 - Academics, scientists, industry leaders, etc.
- One liaison from DoD, Joint Chiefs, NSC and ODNI, respectively

House of Representatives

House Annual Commission On Forward Engagement (HACFE)

Commission Staff Director

Commission Staff

Outside inputs to the Staff

NGOs, Private Industry, Academia

Executive Branch Representatives (DOD, ODNI, NSC, JCS)

DOD, ODNI, NSC, JCS

Role of NGO's, Universities & Private Sector

- Temporary technical-expert staff
- Research of FCI's under Commissions' consideration
- Testify before Commissions

Conclusions

- Legislative commissions created to address Future Contingencies of Interest (FCIs)
 - *House Annual Commission on Forward Engagement Act* drafted for Congressional consideration/enactment
- Membership and FE cycle refined
- NGO's, Universities, Private Sector included

Questions?

