Throughout Collapse, Jared Diamond appears to give us ample proof of past societies failing due to their own mistakes. However, it appears that a finer point he is making is that we as humans have not really learned much from history. In history classes, students will always here the famous quote, “history repeats itself” at least one time. If this has become almost common knowledge, why do these societies keep failing under very similar circumstances? It is certainly an interesting question to ponder when reflecting upon Diamond’s book. Although circumstances change as years go on, the societal collapses that have occurred throughout history appear to have a connection to humanities inability to recognize when their society is on the verge of a collapse.

**Outline**

* Past Societies
  + Easter Island, Mention:
    - Forest🡪 Key point on inability to recognize
  + Collapse of Mayan Culture
    - Elites only looking out for themselves
    - Pointless Wars that help no one and hurt all
* Present Day
  + College Example from class
    - When does the breaking point come? Will we be able to adjust if/when it does come to that?
    - How will the people strike a balance?
  + Fisheries
    - Example of how governments HAVE been proactive, but will that even work to be successful?
      * One of Diamond’s 4 parts of road map to a collapse
  + Logging/Mining Companies?
    - When searching for the most profit, will these companies be able to look out for what is good for the Earth?
      * How can we trust profit driven people?