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## **Cognition and Social Development: Some Reflections on Factors Affecting Attitudes to Planned Progress**

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**ABSTRACT** Based on ethological patterning and the length of biological time in which humans have lived under uncertain social and environmental conditions, they are conditioned to short-term cognition. Modern circumstances may have increased these uncertainties and make it even less likely that mankind will forego the present for future ecological benefits and survival.