

Postmodernism

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What's happening?

- Some claim postmodernity is replacing modernity
 - Movement into a new era
- Loss of faith in science & rationality
 - Loss of belief in progress
 - Increased scepticism about theories of better future
- Non-rational beliefs more popular
 - New age
- Linked to a post-industrial society

Postmodernism

- Developed since 1980s
- Questions ability of conventional sociology to produce valid theories of society & objectively describe the world
- Social behaviour now a question of lifestyle choice
- Everyone's viewpoint equally valid
 - No absolutes, no right or wrong

Some questions

- Does the media reflect society or create it?
- Are there any absolutes?
- What is real?