



## Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed

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*Seeing Like a State* is a book critical of a system of beliefs caled "high modernism", that centers around confidence in the ability to design and operate society in accordance with scientific laws. The book catalogues schemes which states impose upon populaces that are convenient for the state since they make societies "legible", but are not necessarily good for the people.

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