

# WEBER and the RATIONALIZATION OF SOCIETY

- *via* RELIGION

Religious Evolution –

from Magic to Religion

from Polytheism to Ethical Monotheism

- *via* CAPITALISM

Religious Culture:

*The Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism*

Structural Influences:

Central, Bureaucratized State

Modes of Communication and Transportation

Class, Status, Party [Economics, Prestige, Power]

- *via* FORMS OF LEGITIMATION

Traditional – the Past

Rational-Legal – Means-Ends Calculation, “Logical,  
Reasonable” Procedure:

Predictable

Calculable

Efficient

Controlled

Technological (non-human)