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**Examples:** Baer and Heron have argued that “social norms evolve in consistent and cyclical patterns” (124).

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