

The Influencing Machines



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- 1) What is 'Homophily?'
- 2) How is it unhealthy?
- 3) Is it a threat to our Democracy? Why/ not?
- 4) Why are encounters with the unfamiliar, unwelcome, and unimagined important?
- 5) [Is Google making us stupid? If so how?](#)
- 6) Should we be afraid? Why/ not?
- 7) Who was Douglas Adams? What is his advice?
- 8) Why is information overload seen as one of the pervasive maladies of modern life?

9) Are we losing touch with the people who really matter?

10) How do we confront people who are different from us?

11) Is new technology the cure or the disease?

12) What is the difference between 'Deep' and 'Hyper' attention?