Minimizing Harm in the Digital Age (Humane Tech)

Let's discuss privacy issues and minimization of harm in the digital age – to protect us as citizens and digital users. First, **choose between either of these nonprofit organizations' sites,** spending half an hour checking out their issues, blogs/podcasts, action items, and proposed solutions/toolkits:

1. **Electronic Frontier Foundation** (a focus on digital privacy rights, and avoiding surveillance by government and marketers, and protecting our free speech).   OR
2. **Center for Humane Technology** (the organization that brought you the documentary *The Social Dilemma*, challenging the ethics/policies of manipulative tech design that can hijack our attention, spread disinformation, and harm our wellbeing).

You could also watch this 10 minute PBS news story on harm to teens from body-focused social media (especially girls). It features input from the Center for Countering Digital Hate & Disinformation.

Then participate in one of the topic forums below based on whichever organization's policies you explored considering who is responsible for what in terms of minimizing harm or maximizing transparency and fairness. For full credit, **post an original thread anytime between Thursday, March 2nd through Monday, March 6th at 10pm, sharing your own observations on ethical tech, and respond to at least 2 other students in that time period (linking everything back to the specific website materials)**