

Activists Stage Peaceful Bi-partisan Musical Protests against Gerrymandering

Adapting songs from Hamilton and standing on a giant map with the tortured shape of a congressional district, protesters transpose the Hamilton song "I'm taking my shot!" into "Your taking our votes!" Spirited but optimistic, non-violent musical protests are occurring outside several state capitals.

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Activists

Counter-PAC Signs up 3 2018 Congressional campaigns

A Counter-PAC recruits 3 pairs 2018 Congressional candidates who agree to accept \$250 donation limits and provide more transparent records of their campaign expenditures. A foundation has offered both sides protection (in the form of compensatory ad contributions) from negative campaign tactics originating outside the candidates campaigns.

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Campaign Finance

75% of Young Social Media Users (<25) are Relatively Unconcerned about their Loss of Privacy

Most young people want the convenience of using applications that already know who they are, where they are located, who their friends are, and what decisions and purchases they have already made. How this knowledge is shared and exploited is less of a concern than being on the platforms used by those they admire and want to stay in touch with.

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Privacy

Foundation Adopts “Pre-IXO” Protocol for Democracy Impact Projects

Some promising democracy projects do not yet have impact metrics as well defined as UN development goal projects tracked by the IXO impact blockchain. To help grantees prepare for this level of accountability, a foundation simulates blockchain verified impact with human reviewers of sample metrics. For example, sustained participation and engagement of constituents in civic projects is documented by several sampling and polling techniques.

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New products and services

Two African Countries have Adopted Local Versions of China's Social Scoring System

Two countries that are recipients of significant Chinese capital investment and loans are copying elements of the Chinese Social Scoring system. High scorers will have first access to scarce resources. Governments will deny low-scoring citizens access to travel and desirable job opportunities. Stated goals are to lower the incidence and cost of unrest leading to greater prosperity.

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Social Norms

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Majority of Global Youth Would Accept One Party Government to Gain Chinese Economic Benefits

A survey of people between 15 and 25 in both authoritarian and democratically governed countries found most would accept the Chinese-style authoritarian state system over democracy if it meant they would have at least the equivalent of the average Chinese citizen's income along with access to technological innovations that are seen to be coming out of China.

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Democracy

A Social Crypto Currency is used to Reward Helpful Online Behavior during Deliberative Events

Technically fluent civic activists can earn rewards by helping citizens use deliberative software. The currency is not convertible but can be used to purchase access to entertainment and events that celebrate civic engagement. A record of earning the currency is expected to be helpful in applications for jobs and colleges.

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Incentivizing Community

Data about Bad Events Becomes Positive with Community Involvement

Data about all kinds of urban events is becoming visible and public. Publishing crime, violence and pollution data initially frightened some businesses and real estate developers. In five cities, however, this data has led to a broad based community problem-solving response.

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Data Transparency

Facebook Competitor Allowing Ownership of Data and less Tracking Reaches >1M users

An “open” competitor of Facebook that allows users much more control over their identity and data about their activity has passed the 1 million subscriber mark. While not a commercial threat to Facebook, it is being closely watched by industry analysts and regulators for insight into alternative social media business models and governance frameworks.

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Transparency

Fiber ISP Offers Vendor Relationship Management

While it serves clients with high speed internet access, the ISP also offers novel protection from corporate and government data monitoring. The ISP masks browsing IP addresses and reveals only aggregate data about its customers. Vendors must make blind offers that the ISP agent conveys to its customers through “pull” dashboards rather than “pushed” ads. The business model explores the market value of giving customers more control over personal data by selling enhanced protection from corporate monitoring and hackers as premium internet access.

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Privacy

>11 Million Global Citizens (including refugees) have Self-Sovereign Digital Identities

A foundation has joined the support for the establishment of Self-Sovereign Identity -- personal data files that can be used to store and provide verifiable access to identity information. The files are under the control of the individual they describe, not a government or corporation.

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>50% of US College Grads Would Accept >50% of their Salary Paid in a Leading Crypto-Currency

An ABC Gallup poll of graduating college seniors showed that new entrants into the workforce are willing to accept a significant portion of their salary paid in a popular cypto-currency associated with social enterprises and startups.

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Teens Acquire Purple Skill Badges for Recruiting Voters into Transpartisan Events

Teens are wearing skill patches they have acquired by for several types of digital and social projects. For this one they recruit voters with different political views to participate in charitable or community building activities. The strategy is not to directly confront political differences directly but rather to pursue common goals more indirectly. When they sign up registered Republicans and Democrats for the same project team, the recruiting teen gets a purple badge.

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Grantee Develops Transparent Social Scoring to Challenge Secret Government Systems

As an act of resistance to Orwellian government social scoring of individuals, a grantee has come up with an open algorithm that documents individuals contributions to their communities that may or may not be acknowledged by their governments. Being scored and having the score publicized is voluntary. A few activists who have already been downrated by their governments choose to accept the alternative contribution score.

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Active Young Professionals Participate in 3 or more Governance Structures

Work, recreation, political participation and digital marketplaces are all testing alternative structures of incentives, currencies, voting, roles and hierarchies to manage relationships among stakeholders. These disruptive innovations are changing ideas about the meaning of democracy and governance, creating new challenges and opportunities for proponents of democracy.

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Collective Intelligence Test Measures How Well Groups Leverage Individual Skills and Contributions

More formal, online versions of several games designed to measure or motivate collaboration are beginning to be applied to the problem of assessing group productivity. Both ad hoc and mature teams can test how well their style of contributing to collaborative work enhances or limits the contributions of their colleagues.

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For 60% of the Workforce, Identity/Reputation is Finally Disconnected From “Job Title”

Job titles have less meaning as a larger percentage of workers do not have classic (W-2) jobs and are either contractors or “employees” of a contracting/outsourc agency. Identity/reputation is now widely assumed to be based on other economic and non-economic contributions to a community and trustworthiness,

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The Emotional Intensity of VR Creates Opportunities for Increasing Empathy

VR users strongly identify with their likeness avatars, even if the avatars retain a few 'cartoonish' qualities. Because these avatars can visit places where their owner might not feel comfortable in real life, such as suddenly being in the minority in a classroom, meeting or shopping mall, they are increasingly used for sensitivity training and diversity programs.

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