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*Things I don't know or don't understand, and would like to ask people that might know about it, or get recommendation of things to read that answers or addresses or is relevant to those questions.*

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### **Where I ask questions? (in order)**

EA: <https://forum.effectivealtruism.org/>

LW: <https://www.lesswrong.com/>

To my friends: my Facebook wall

Other topics: <https://stackexchange.com/>

Other topics: <https://www.reddit.com/>

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# Mati's unresolved questions

## Practical

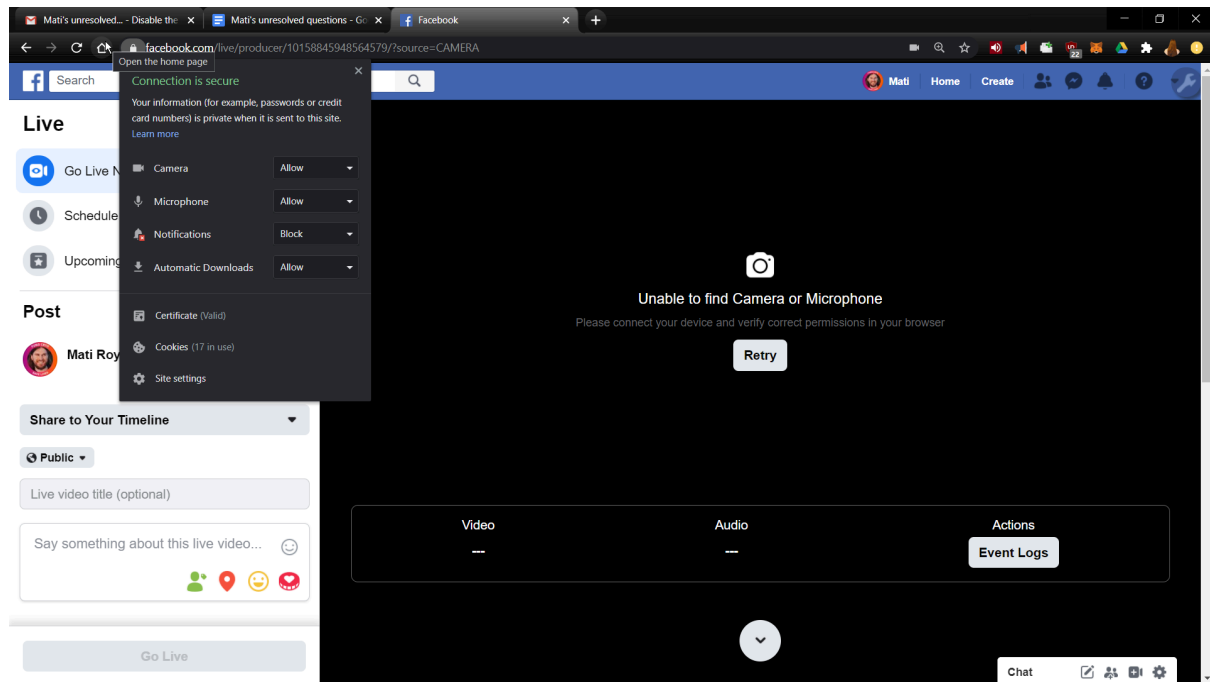
3\$ for a good answer to a question in the practical category; max 1 good answer per question

How to broadcast my screen live on a Facebook page without sharing audio? (solution tried below)

I could connect it to a broken mic, but I don't have one.

On Windows 10: Disable the microphone before using the service. E.g. start > settings > privacy > microphone?.

when I do that Facebook prevents me to go live and tells me to give microphone access (screenshot added in the gdoc)



## Other Docs

[Longevity](#)

## Effective Altruism

## Poverty alleviation

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GwfqUf3deKgdgzTpTfCxcDkoEbvflrpOrVFhcv\\_DwpA/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1GwfqUf3deKgdgzTpTfCxcDkoEbvflrpOrVFhcv_DwpA/edit)

## Other

**How will/would people feel having been genetically selected for being genius?**

- Check how people that were born to save a sibling feel; how it affects their life; etc.

**Let's say humans were well coordinated: would having most people just stay isolated in their room mostly solve pandemics?** If so, how can we achieve that? (<- now with the likes of Amazon.ca, that seems more possible? Although the people creating and distributing the food need to continue to operate. Maybe kill all the livestock, and get the non-human animals food use for humans? .....)

[https://www.reddit.com/r/sociology/comments/b1o21d/correlation\\_between\\_the\\_intelligence\\_of\\_a\\_childs/](https://www.reddit.com/r/sociology/comments/b1o21d/correlation_between_the_intelligence_of_a_childs/)

## Other altruism related questions

Can giving objects be deduced from taxes in Canada?

## Rationality / Intelligence

[System rationality](#)

## Other

**How to make people more agenty?**

**How to make people delay gratifications more?**

Hypothèse: vivre dans un environnement non prévisible (ex.: si une punition va fonctionner) créer des personnes that dont delay gratification / think long term

SDr

> ^^ I think environmental effects have a great impact on this, as you've noted. A good one on this is CGPGrey's "spaceship you" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=snAhsXyO3Ck>

**Does nicotine increase IQ? What are the positive and negative effects of taking nicotine? How much nicotine should I consume (if at all)?**

SDr

> Gwern has docs on this one: <https://www.gwern.net/Nicotine#benefits> . Anecdotal from ~15 years of smoking & then switching to vaping for the past 2 years: nicotine increases \_conscientiousness\_ by making reality feel just nice, regardless of the task you're performing, which reduces impulsiveness, and allows you to do cognitively uncomfortable things for an extended period of time. Negative health effects of traditional smoking can be almost entirely eliminated by vaping (eg juul).

# Geopolitical

Putin's approval rate, and power is similar to what Hitler had. They also both invaded a country when they were in a bad economical position. Is the main difference between both situations that Other countries aren't defending Ukraine, so this doesn't escalate?

What were the impacts of colonization? Any hypotheses on how the world would be if colonization hadn't stopped? What's neo-colonization?

How are China towns created and sustained? What about other nationalities?

# Survey

Do people in my social circle find it annoying when someone brings up that there is a minority in the room (ex. few females)? Do you like it? Do you do it?

What fraction of people had their first sexual relationship in part to get rid of the Virgin social stigma?

# Other

## Physics

- [If the universe stopped expanding, would there be an infinite amount of reachable negentropy?](#)
  - Given that the Universe's expansion is accelerating, stars are constantly leaving the reachable Universe. However, if the Universe wasn't expanding (nor contracting), we could forever reach further places in the Universe. I know that the amount of accessible energy (aka negentropy) will be approaching zero, but would it be approaching zero faster than we could be expanding in the cosmos (say at the speed of light)?

## Policies

- Why is it possible for cars to go over the speed limit?
  - Note: If speed limits were laws, cars would be engineered to not cross it. Now all we have is a tax on speeding.

## Romance

- How well does the median person in a monogamous relationship know their romantic partner?

## NDA's

- Under which circumstances is it legal to break an NDA? (asking because curious, not implying that I would)
- Are you allowed to disclose that you signed a non disclosure agreement?

NDR

> US legal jurisdiction (and importantly: I am not a lawyer, and specifically not your lawyer; but this is a thing that I paid careful attention being in SF & all):

\* NDA is a civil law contract; criminal law almost always overrides it; specifically, NDAs "nonbinding in respect to criminal activity". If litigated, courts will almost never enforce when doing it so would cover down criminal activity

\* In general, NDAs can't stop you from testifying in court (this is nuanced, see eg [https://www.reddit.com/r/legaladviceofftopic/comments/98pt83/nondisclosure\\_agreements\\_and\\_subpoenas/](https://www.reddit.com/r/legaladviceofftopic/comments/98pt83/nondisclosure_agreements_and_subpoenas/) )

> In civil & contract laws, no (that would be compelling people to lie on why they can't talk about stuff). Govs can serve you eg National Security Letters, which can compel you to not disclose it. This is extremely rare, and generally there are good reasons for it (eg active investigations of national importance).

## Politics

<https://politics.stackexchange.com/questions/41631/are-people-more-likely-to-vote-in-swing-state>

## Other

- When the belt sign is on in planes, why aren't plane agents also going to sit? (I guess because serving food is more important than the risk, but not being annoyed by a seat belt isn't? Maybe airlines companies also lose for having employees die rather than clients??)
- How good (or bad) is washing your hands with just water (after going to the washroom say)? How bad (or good) is it to not wash your hands after going to the washroom? (someone told me just water was worse than nothing)
- What strategies do homeless people use? Are there better strategies they could use? (ex.: do they use/abuse libraries, universities, etc.)
- How long did the most important technologies took between invention and industry.
- Can BPA cause (/ increase the likelihood that) someone to want to transition gender?
- Does any company offer insurance against data breach if I store my data with them? (<https://www.quora.com/unanswered/Does-any-company-offer-insurance-against-data-breach-if-I-store-by-data-with-them>)
- Are most contagious disease exist only because they keep being transmitted from humans to humans? And would stop existing if only we all stayed isolated for 1 month?