

## 05 April 21-23, 2002 (WEEK 5) INSTRUCTIONS

WORK TOWARDS [FOTOMONTAGE CHALLENGE](#)--10% of your grade (DUE MAY 1)

You can enter into more than one category!

WORK TOWARDS YOUR [FINAL PAPER](#) --30% of your grade (DUE MAY 6-MAY 8)

THIS SET OF SHORT ARTICLES AND ONE PODCAST IS YOUR FINAL READING ASSIGNMENT!

### A. HOME SURVEILLANCE

READ: Marc Weber Tobias, "[Is Your Smart Security Camera Protecting Your Home Or Spying On You?](#)", *Forbes*, 8/22/2016.

READ: Geoffrey A. Fowler, "[The doorbell has eyes. The privacy battle brewing over home security cameras.](#)" *Washington Post*, 1/31/2019.



THINK ABOUT THESE QUESTIONS AS YOU READ:




- What are the capabilities of smart security cameras you can install in your home?
- What ethical questions do these two articles raise about making video and audio recordings of people in one's home/business without their consent?
- Some cities are now encouraging, with discounts, home security systems installed in homes; Cities like Detroit now require [every business](#) to have a security system with a feed going straight to police. Meanwhile, we know these systems are [susceptible to being hacked](#). Marketers are telling us that this level of security is making us more safe. Think about the trade between safety and privacy.

READ: Molly Wood, [We Need to Talk About 'Cloud Neutrality'](#), *Wired*, 2/10/2020.

- How much control do cloud--specifically Amazon, Google, and Microsoft--companies have over the Web?
- How does this article remind you of The Circle?

Every Big Tech company today--Amazon, Google, Apple, FB, and Microsoft-- is hugely invested in collecting your personal data--through gadgets, media services, Personal Assistants, and Cloud services.

BIG TECH	MEDIA SERVICE	GADGETS	PERSONAL ASSISTANT	CLOUD SERVICE
	Amazon (shopping), Amazon Studios, Amazon Prime, Twitch,	Kindle, Echo, Fire, TV, Fire Phone, Ring	Alexa	Amazon Web Services, Amazon Drive
	Google, YouTube, Google Play, Gmail, Google Plus, Google Maps, Google	Nexus Android phone OS, Google Pixel, Nest, Nexus Tablet, Chromebook,	Google Assistant	Google Drive

	Travel, etc.	Pixelbook, Chromecast, Google Daydream View, Google Home		
	Safari, iTunes, AppleTV, MacMail	iPod, iPhone, iPad, iWatch, Macbook, Apple TV, Homepod, AirPlay	Siri	iCloud
	Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, Messenger, eSports	Oculus Rift, Portal	"M" (discontinued)	Dropbox (relationship)
	Bing, Xbox games, Hotmail	Xbox, Surface, Windows phone	Cortana	Microsoft Cloud

## B. GOOGLE/YOUTUBE & ACCOUNTABILITY

LISTEN: Roose, Ken, [Rabbit Hole: Episode 1, "Wonderland" \(26:49\)](#), *New York Times*, 4/18/2020.  
(Roose/Rabbithole)

While you listen, think about the following:

- How does Google try to increase viewing time on Youtube?
- What does Google do to weed out video uploads that are based on lies and conspiracy theories?

### Challenge 1: Home recording devices.

**Home surveillance devices:** Alexa, Google Assistant, Siri, "M", Cortana (but also Xbox); Smart TVs; Xboxes; Smart refrigerators; Home security systems.

If you have a home listening device or other smart appliance, figure out how easily you can turn it off. Discuss protocols with family members about getting permission from outsiders who enter your home to record their conversations.

### Challenge 2: Public records and YOU.

1. Look yourself up on [this court records website](#):

2. Look up your family home using [this public access portal, Beacon](#). What can you find out about your home? Are you able to access the blueprints for your home?
3. Look up yourself [on Mylife.com](#). What kind of information do you find? Here's a little more info on Mylife: <https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/MyLife>. The data you are able to retrieve is in exchange for privacy and time: "By clicking on the button below, you agree to MyLife's [User Agreement](#) and [Privacy Policy](#) and to receive emails, promotions and general messages."
4. Have you or family members ever submitted your DNA to [Ancestry.com](#) or [23andme.com](#)? What level of information can you find out about the people you are related to who have also released their DNA to these private companies?