

The Machine Stops

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Summary

- Sci-Fi following Vashti and Kuno
- The Airship
- The Mending Apparatus
- The Homeless

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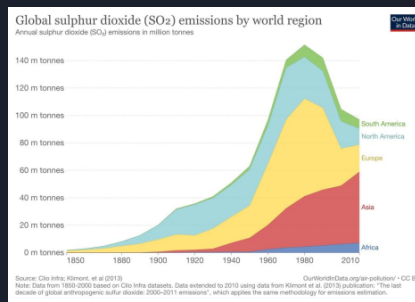
Start Classics

How we become more similar to the Machine

- Technologies
 - Video calling
 - Internet
 - Social media

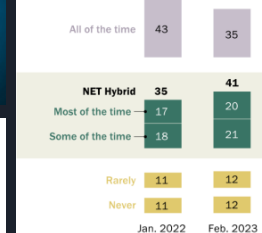
- Quarantine
 - Work from home
 - Isolation

- Environment
 - Pollution
 - Global warming



Growing share of U.S. workers are working a hybrid schedule

Among employed adults with a teleworkable job, % saying they are working from home ...

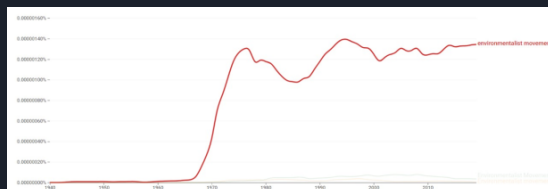


Note: Adults with a teleworkable job are those who say, for the most part, the responsibilities of their job can be done from home. Share of respondents who didn't offer an answer not shown. Source: Survey of U.S. workers conducted Feb. 6-12, 2023. PEW RESEARCH CENTER

How we react to these changes

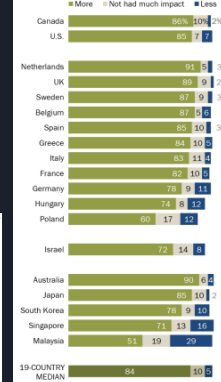
- Differences between our cultures
 - What do we value
 - What do we dislike

- Anticipated impact of this story



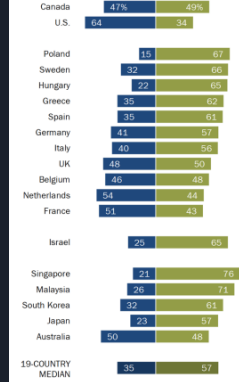
Most see social media making it easier to manipulate people

% who say access to the internet and social media has made people ... easy to manipulate with false information and rumors



Most say social media is a good thing for democracy in their country

% who say social media has been a ... for democracy in their country



Impact on society

- Isolation and Technology
- Communication Technology
- Intellectual Complacency
- Environmental Disconnect
- Autonomy vs. Dependency



Impact on Individuals

Advanced technology → More “free” time

But no time for Kuno?

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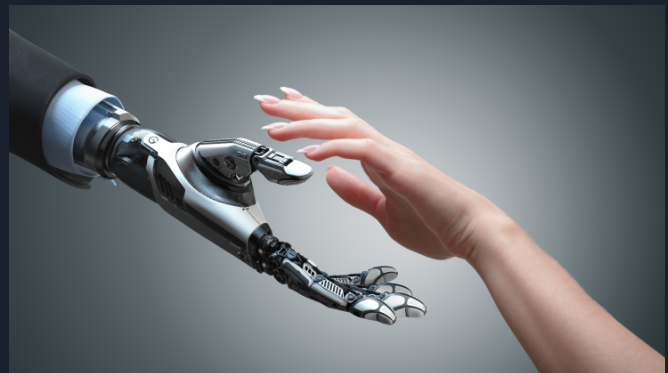
Over-reliance on tech.

Threats to biology



Ethical concerns.

- People being raised by the Machine
- Destroying “athletes” at birth
- Too many forms
 - Travel outside
 - Euthanasia
- Homelessness
- If society is ok with it ...?



Questions???

Do you think our society could get to a point where we are completely dependent on technology w/o knowing how to fix it?

How close do you think our society will develop into what we see in this story?

What in this society is utopian, and what is dystopian?

Is it good or bad for humans to become more uniform?

Questions???



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