

## 6 To Fix in '26: The Betrayals:

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Privacy is gone today. People now want “convenience” and “speed” via the contemporary technologies and they usually don't think of the consequences. “How does the Internet know how to send me ideas that follow my tastes?” Someone is picking up all your clicks.

Centuries of concern about privacy, especially in the United States, and now it is all out the window. We've devalued ourselves with A.I. - let's examine how we've devalued ourselves by abandoning privacy.

2

There is an absence of equality if you must have a Smartphone to perform the necessities of life, for example, pay your bills. What if you can't afford one, what happens then? What if you need to call for help while in an emergency in a city - no Smartphone? Find a phone booth? All gone.

Social interactions for the basic necessities with only a Smartphone is limiting and economically discriminatory.

3

There is an absence of equality when viewing movies. Now they come out on streaming services - what if you don't have the one your favorite movie is on? Before there were movie houses, where you did have to pay, but all movies were shown there, accessible to all. You choose ... Now the streaming service you have determines what you watch, your taste.

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There is unfair pricing when it comes to transport, especially. Who made pricing here abstract? It is now the demand that sets the price of travel - Uber's model has transformed transport pricing. But demand is an abstraction for pricing - anticipating the future - set by a real AND anticipated demand. Before, you seemed to be able to follow the logic of transport pricing - the further the distance you go, the higher the price (because more fuel needed, more material upkeep given the greater distance, etc.). Even when classes were introduced in travel, you could follow the logic (“I get more drinks in 1st class than in 2nd class”). Now, going the same distance, travelling on Sunday evening is more expensive than Monday morning.... Based on what? Demand - a pure abstraction in order to make more money. PS Same for ordering fuel oil - demand sets the price (when it's more expensive in winter than in summer).

The president of the United States has revoked the ruling that greenhouse gases endanger public health. How can the health of the planet be a scam? Concern for the environment is the one topic that can unite all the earth's inhabitants.

"The earth does not belong to man, man belongs to the earth. All things are connected like the blood that unites us all. Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself."

Chief Seattle

Coming from a nation of immigrants ("Give me your tired, your poor ..." from the Statue of Liberty), the current secretary of state claims borders must be closed because "pure" cultures are being diluted by immigrants. This is blatantly scapegoating vulnerable people. I watched unique cultural expressions (e.g. cafes) being destroyed in New York City and Paris, not by immigrants, but by MacDonalds and Starbucks - 2 giant American corporations.

And while we're considering companies ... if you want to close the borders for people, why not for capital?

Yet another example of devaluing people for money, wealth for some at the expense of all = NO DEMOCRACY.