

The Post-Truth Santa Claus and the Concealed Present



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Summary

- Surveillance
- Santa Claus
- Social Control
- Fake News is No News
- Post-Truth Censorship ×
Unmediated Free Speech
- Present & Future



Surveillance Engines...

Every breath you take
Every move you make
Every bond you break
Every step you take
I'll be watching you

Every single day
Every word you say
Every game you play
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Every claim you stake
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... watch your behavior

... know your likes

– You told them!

... tell who you go with

... know what you did

last Summer

● F*k & the likes?

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... **tell naughty from nice**



Santa Claus

- Ancient “tech”
- Social Control
- True or fake?
 - Don’t think!
 - Just believe!
- Post-truth? Not yet!
- Fake news? Oh, yes!

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Déjà vu?!?





Russia did it!

Trust big media!



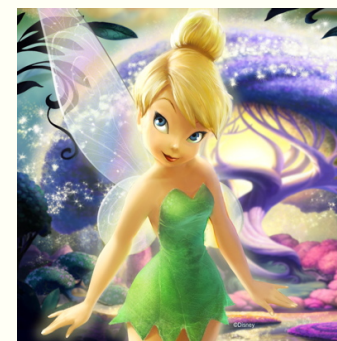
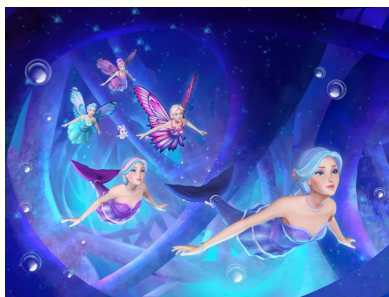
Brazil 2016: not a coup d'état

Privacy & Copyright are compatible

A.I. will give us all spare time

Vote for change!

Obey the law!



A Brief History of Post-Truth

- In the beginning was the Word
- Social control through myths
- Propaganda: dominant narrative
- Monopoly on the “truth”
- No access to alternative views
- Blasphemy, heresy
- Conspiracy theory

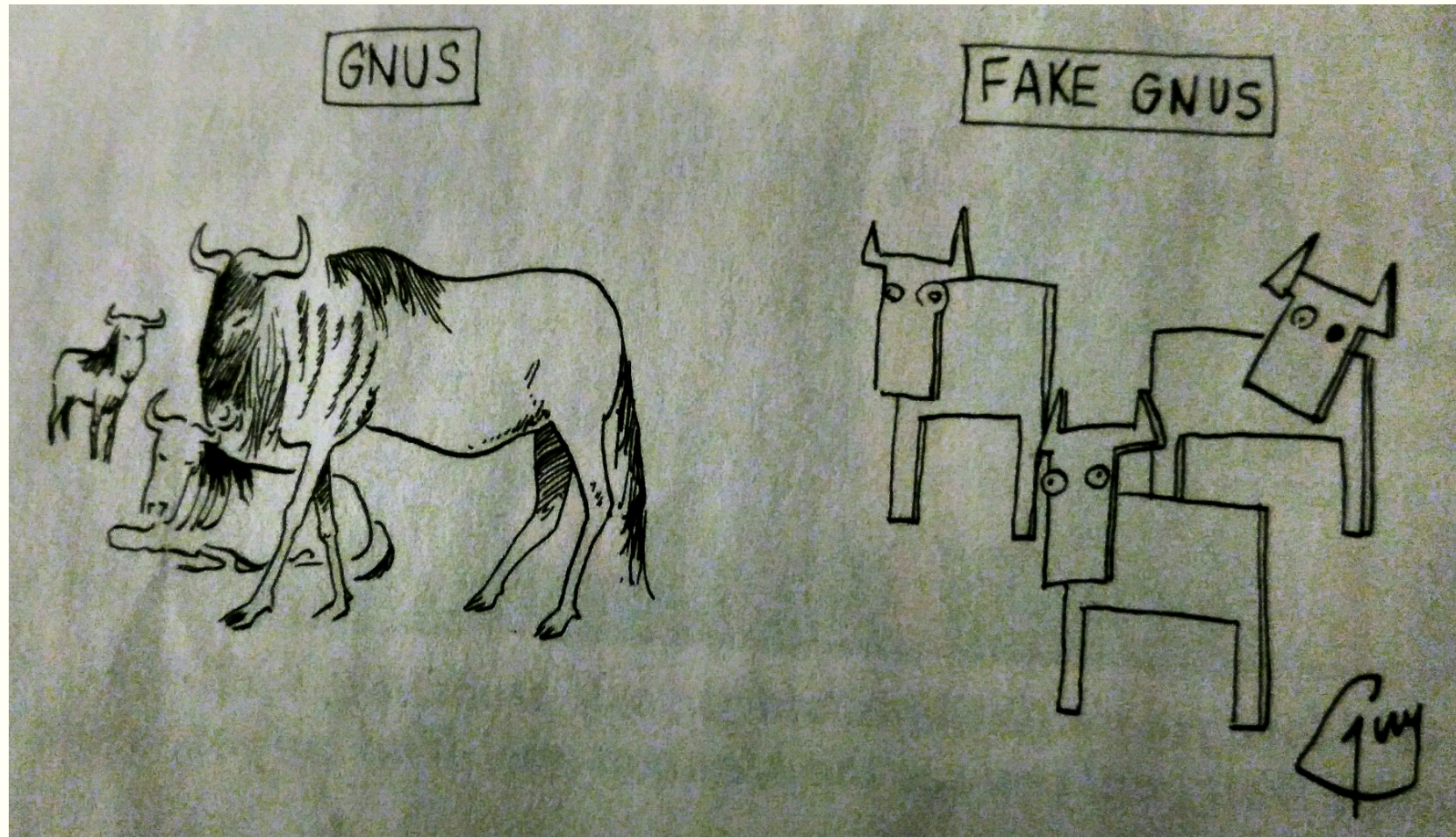


A Brief History of Post-Truth

- Internet: anyone can write and share
- Hope: truth trumps propaganda
- Reality: global propaganda war
- Neutralize the Internet
- Post-truth
 - Shut brains off
 - Conquer hearts
- **Conceal the present**



The Treachery of News



GNU n'est pas un ix

Censoring Fake News

- Competing propaganda
- Undesirable truths
- Who gets to decide?
- Who gets to censor?
 - Big (Centralized) Government
 - Big (Centralized) Media
 - (Centralized) Social(-Control) Media
 - (Centralized) Web Search



Seeking Truth

- Why?
 - Informed decisions!
- How?
 - Exposure/access
 - Free debate
 - Critical thinking
 - Scientific method



Santa won't give us truth

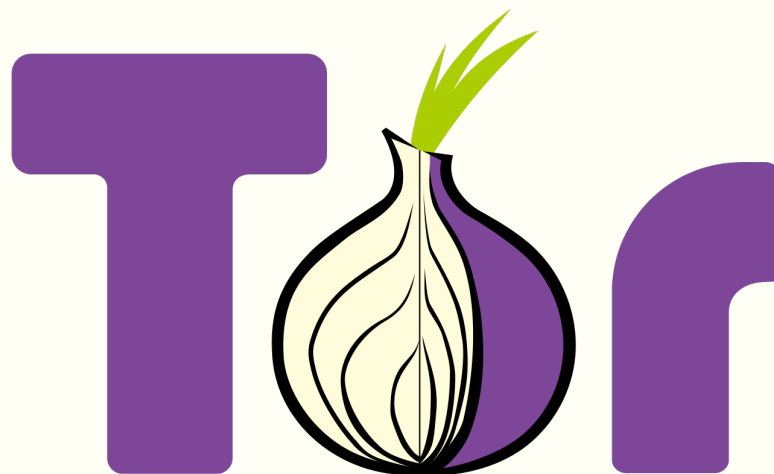
Hacker Education

- Dispute authority
- Question everything
- Investigate
- Work around barriers
- Think critically
- Share knowledge



Free Debate

- Strong Cryptography
 - Private debate
 - Reliable sources
 - Safer leaks
- Tor: the Onion Router
 - Anonymity
 - Unblocking



Untamed Internet

- Decentralization

- GNU social, Diaspora...

- Searx 



- P2P distribution

- Torrents, blockchains, censorship resistance

- Freenet, Twister, YaCy



twister

- Network neutrality

- Old times in the **past**



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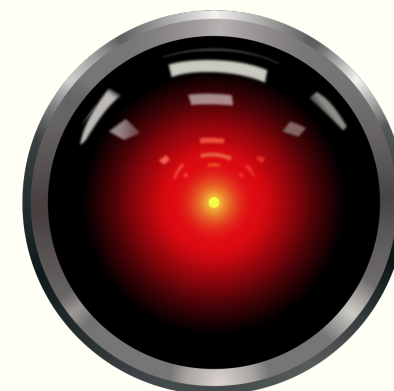


So say we all!

Oh no, not again!

Untamed Communication Devices

- Software assistants
 - Free: serve users
 - Non-Free: serve developers
- A.I. filtering that does not R.Y.F.:
 - output: can't do that, Dave
 - input: ignorant bliss
- Personal Post-Truth **S**anta **C**laus?



Demand freedom!

Thank you!

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Latin America

Be Free!



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