

No Neutral Ground in a Burning World

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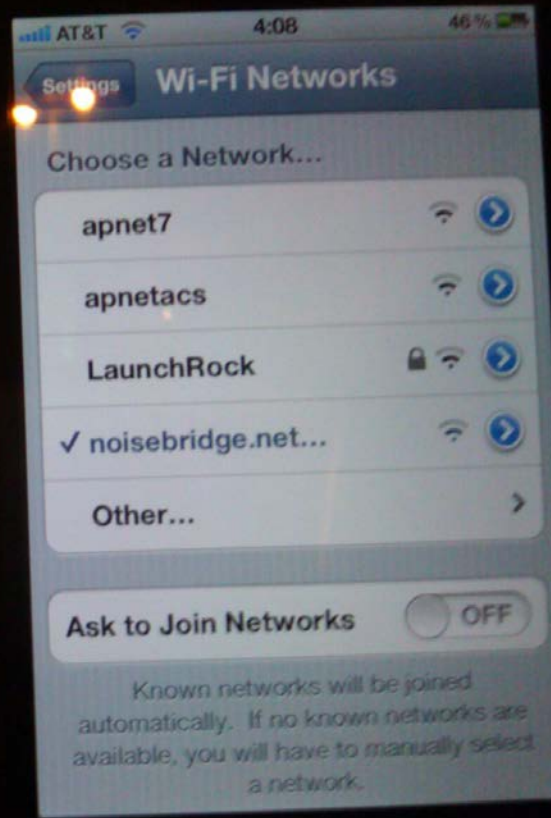


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How does technology change relationships between people and with authority, on the scale of centuries?



Every action you take
and every piece of
code you write has
political effects



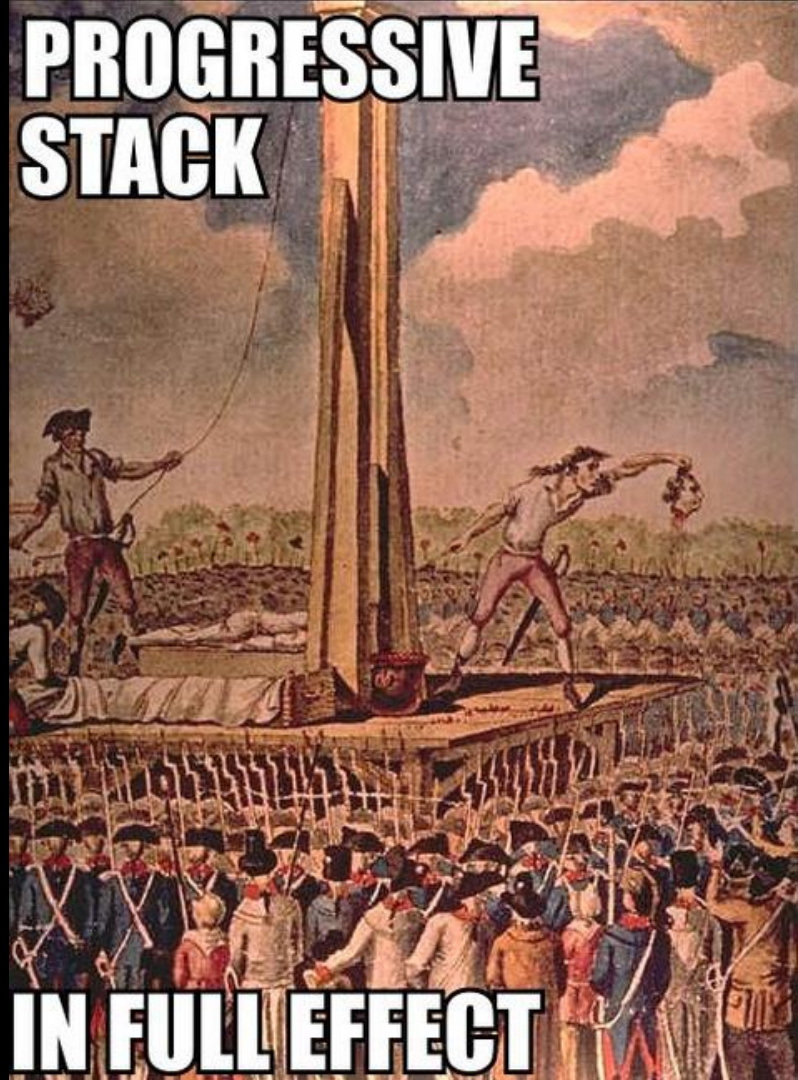
Quinn's Politics



Ella's Politics



This isn't about our politics



**PROGRESSIVE
STACK**

IN FULL EFFECT

Kranzberg's First Law

Technology is neither good nor bad;
nor is it neutral.

States need to see their territory and people to interact with them.



Sometimes this is a good thing.



Sometimes it's not.

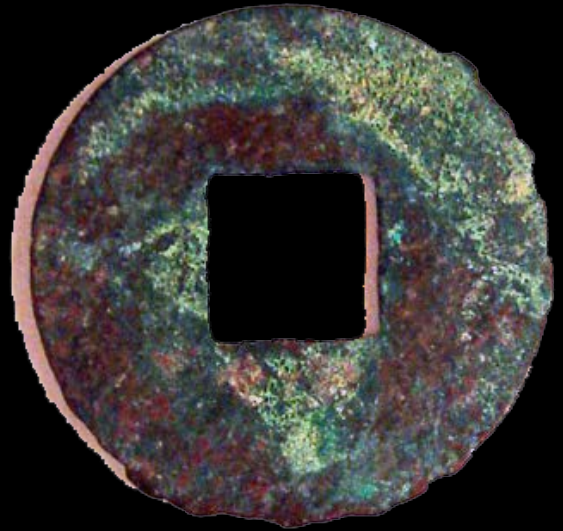


Post-Revolutionary France:

*You know if someone's
using the metric system,
he's a narc.*



The Imposition of
Surnames in the State
of Qin, 4th C. BCE.



Surveillance is neither good nor bad; nor is it neutral.



What we see in the news today is a logical continuation of this history.

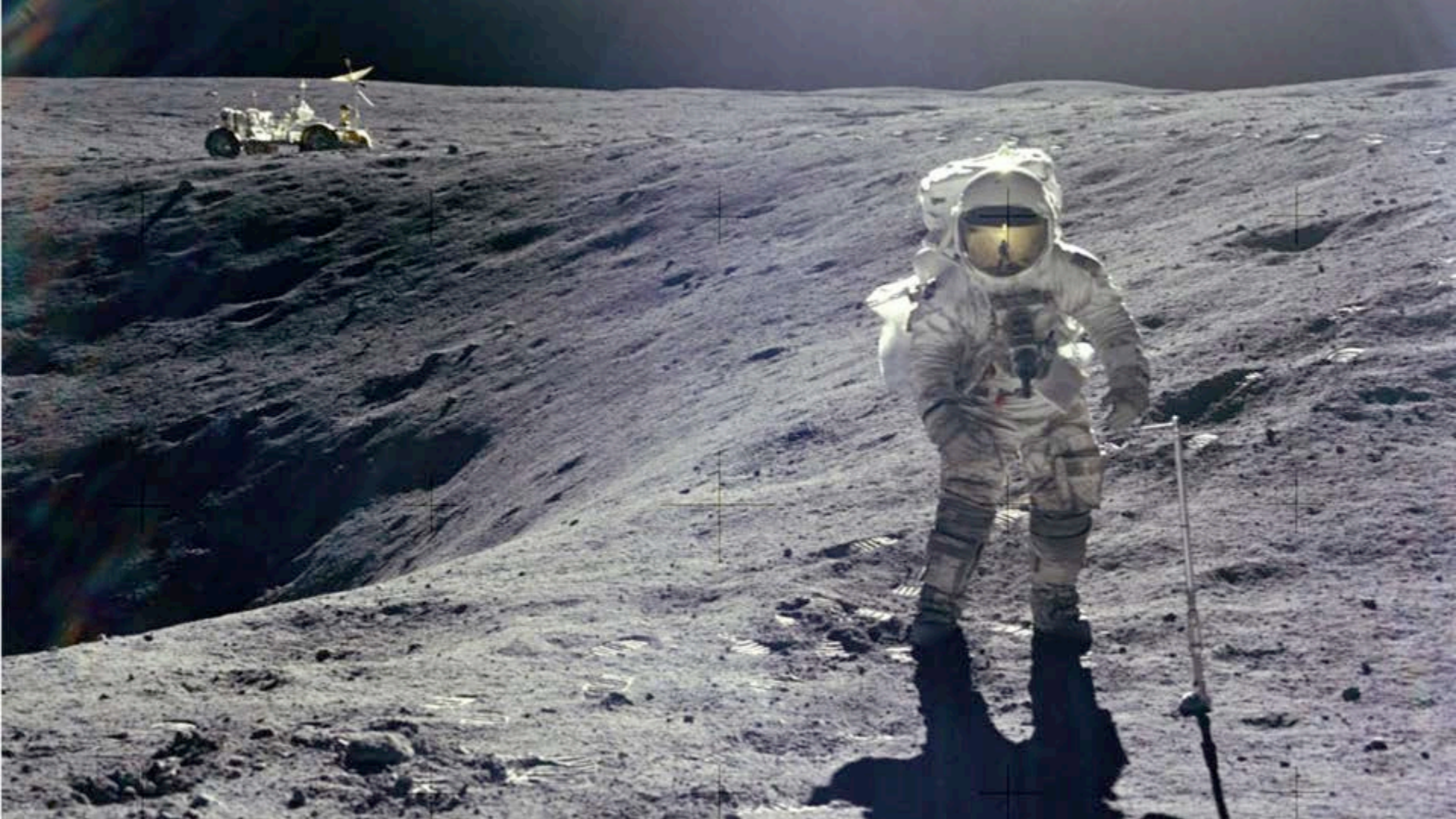












There are many kinds
of power in the world



Rule of law while the
state is panicking



Positional Ethics



Networks weird people.



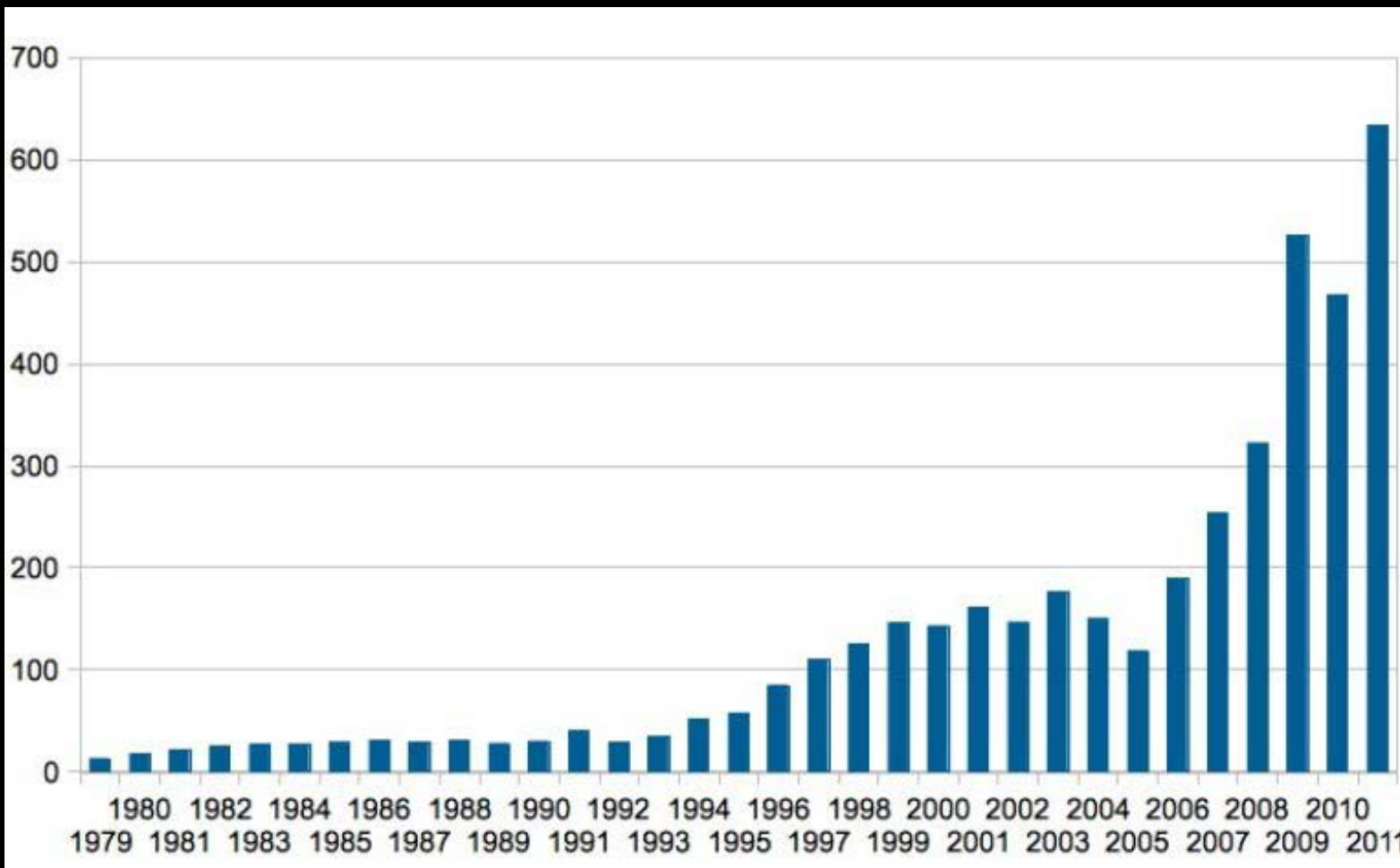
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We reject your reality and substitute our own

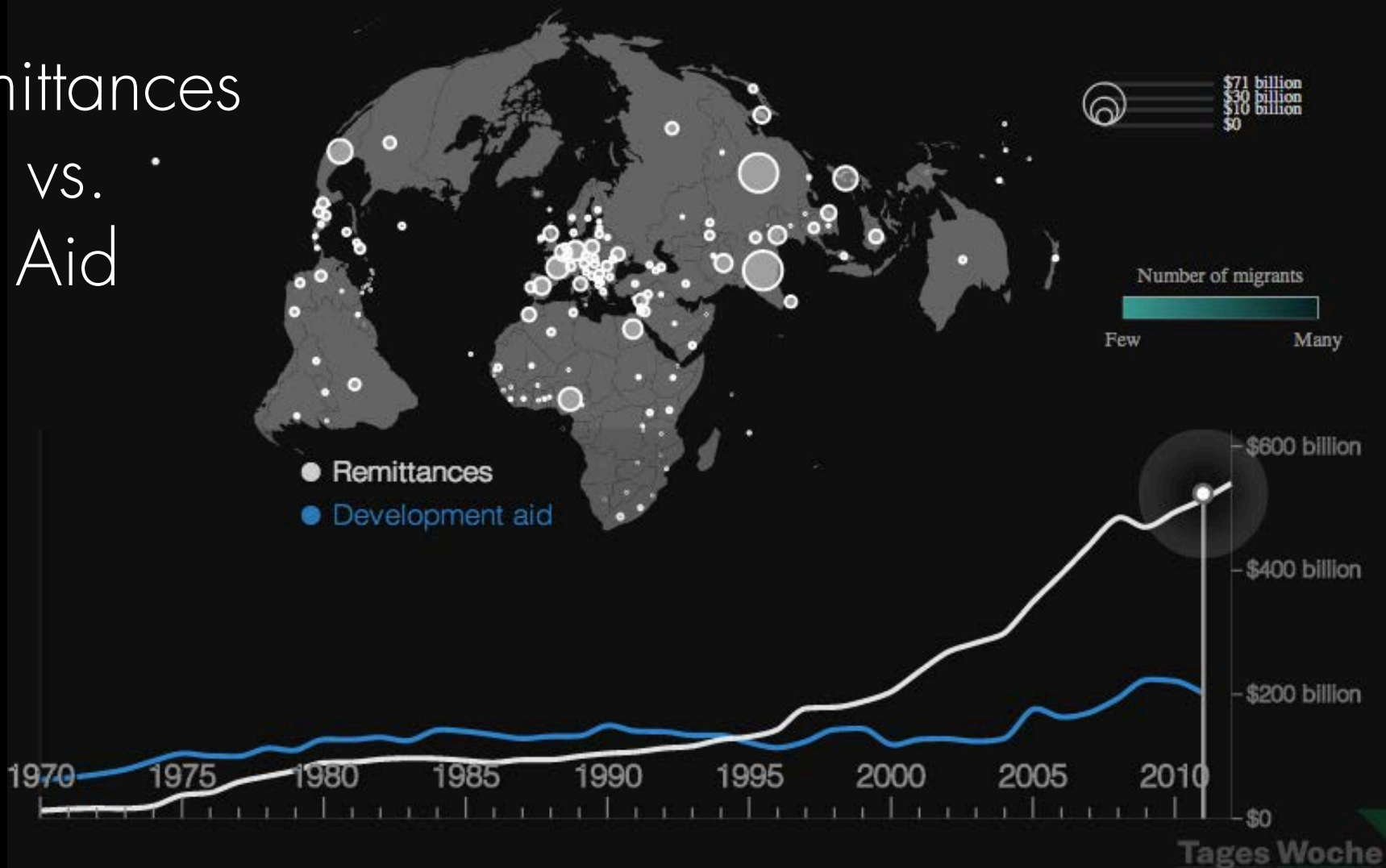
Used to be the good guys



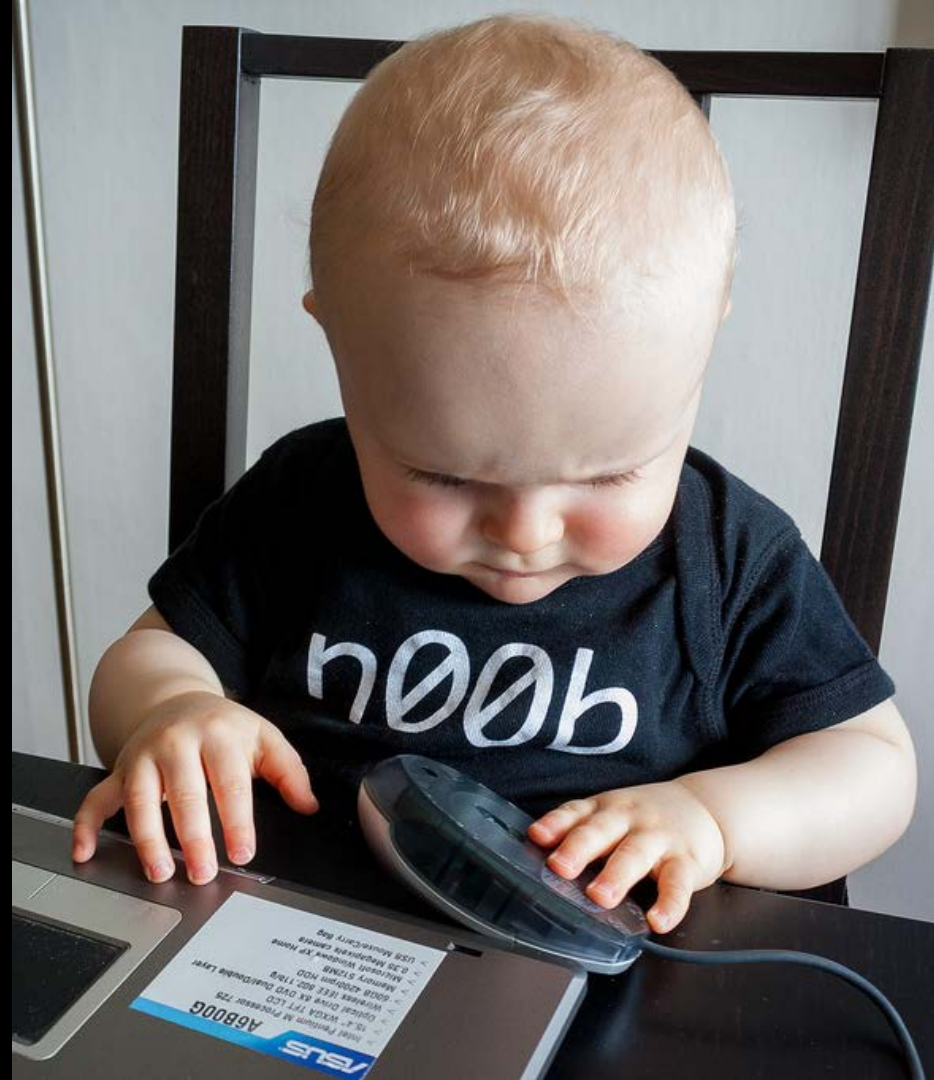
Global Protests



Remittances vs. Aid



Geeks didn't change,
we just live in an
eternal September
now.



Software can be love at
distance



“So do all who
live to see such
times...”





Thank you!

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Go Read These Books:

Seeing Like a State

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Robert Jackall

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Fellow Prisoners

John Berger

Secrecy

Movie, 2008



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