

Twenty Questions to Ask about Technology

A Basic Analysis of Technology and Its Impacts

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Part I. The Technology Itself

1. What does it do? What is it made of? Who can fix it?
2. Tool or Machine? (Regular behavior? How much do you direct?)
3. How does it extend/amplify you? How does it reduce/diminish you?

Part II. The Biases of the Technology

1. What does it encourage or discourage you to do?
2. What does it commodify?
3. Is the need for the technology real or created?

Part III. Impacts of the Technology

1. Environmental
2. Human body
3. Social, family
4. Work
5. Relationship with yourself
6. Power structure
7. Education
8. Other cultures
9. Future technologies

Part IV. Final Analysis

1. How does it connect you, disconnect you?
2. Liberate vs. enslave you?
3. Empower vs. debilitate you?
4. Can it, should it be improved?
5. What if your final judgment of this technology?