Fear the borg
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 Might we lose our fundamental humanity?

To become Borg is to lose individuality and goals of our own.... Everything that makes us human.
Technology is transforming us… the tools we use to think with – our “intellectual technologies” – not only shape our habits of thought but exert an actual physical influence on the neurons and synapses in our brains.
But we’ve *always* had this fear!
We’ve *always* been cyborgs

We’ve always been dependent on culture - a system of technologies

Just like the Borg, culture transcends the individual
We have a suite of dispositions to acquire culture (without understanding what it’s for).
Feynman: “I actually did the work on paper.”
Weiner: “The work was done in your head, but the record of it is still here.”

“No, it's not a record, not really. It’s working. You have to work on paper, and this is paper”
That’s the kind of animal we are

You’ve already been assimilated