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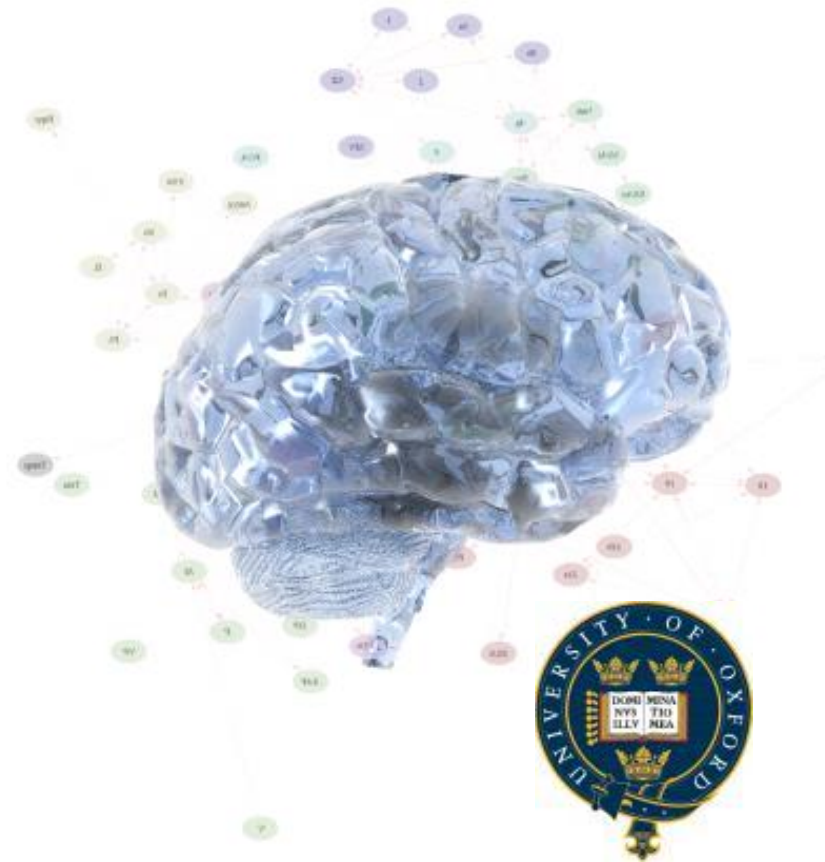
Humanising the Future

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Might we lose our fundamental humanity?



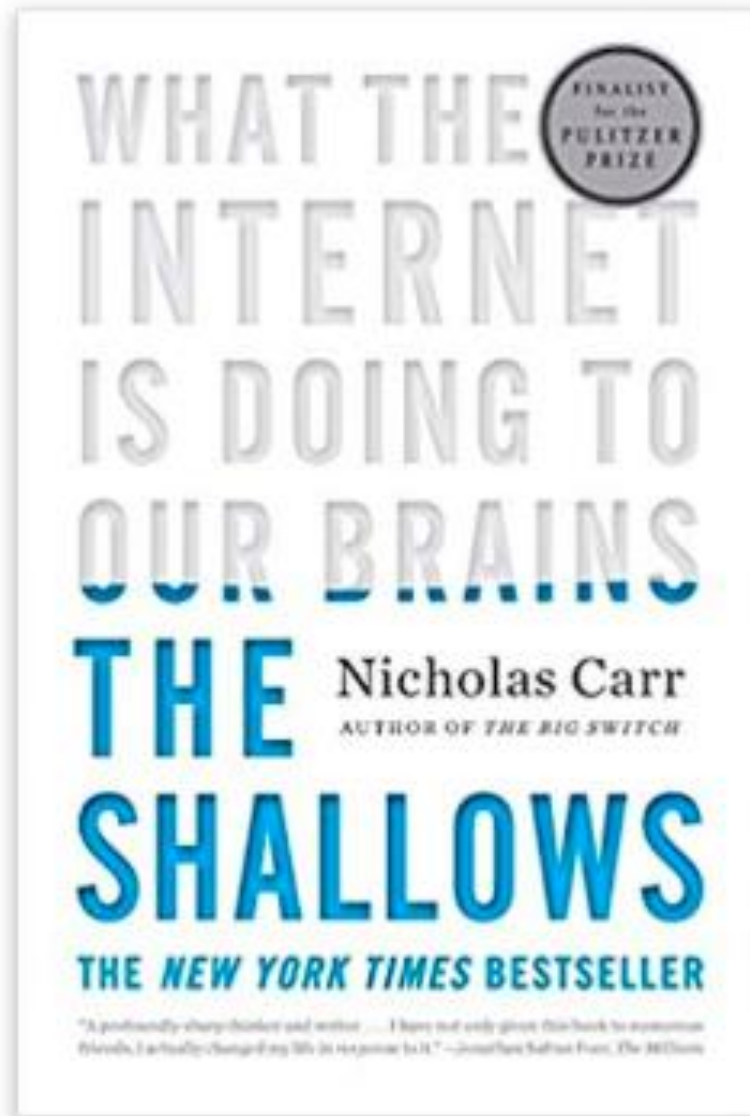
To become Borg is to
lose individuality and
goals of our own....

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!



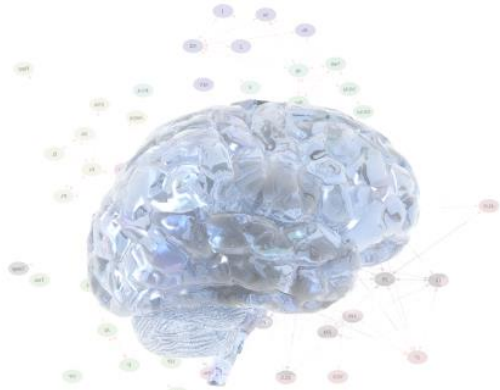


We've *always* been cyborgs

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”

Resistance is futile



You've
already
been
assimilated

That's the kind of animal we are