

What can we do to resist Big Tech?



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Background: What is “Big Tech”?

- In the 19th Century we had the robber barons. ‘The term ‘robber barons’ was used to describe those leaders that had become rich on the backs of the poor. They did this by creating monopolies and stifling competition.
- An example of the robber barons was Standard Oil which at one time-controlled 90 percent of the oil and gas market
- The monopolies were eventually broken up through anti-trust laws
- In the 21st century we have a new type of robber baron, the “Cyber Barons” more commonly known as Big Tech.
- Big Tech is most associated with Amazon, Facebook, Twitter, Apple and Google.
- The Cyber Barons that run these companies hold tremendous power, wealth and influence. Their influence and power far exceeds robber barons of the 19th Century.

Big Tech – How does it work?

- The Congress gave Internet based platforms blanket immunity from civil suits in Section 230, of the 1996 Communications Decency Act (CDA) – The Jeannie is out of the bottle! Wealth starts accumulating through the sale of ad space.
- Big Tech uses artificial intelligence on their platforms for multiple purposes including harvesting your information (location, purchasing, etc.) AI allows the Tech giants to tailor ads to each user.
- Big Tech uses AI to silence critics and shape public opinion (The Hunter Biden story was buried in the Fall of 2020)
- The Cyber Barons spend huge sums to influence Congress to promote its agenda. Both political parties have been influenced by their corrupt money.
- The Cyber Barons can “deplatform” competitors by eliminating their applications from their app stores to include shutting down hosting services. (Parler.com is an example)
- Big Tech uses their power to seduce users into using their services gladly surrendering their privacy to their new masters. In using this process, they eliminate your privacy.
- Big Tech has many allies. These include politicians, corporate media (i.e. Washington Post/Amazon) and other influencers.

What can I do to resist the power of Big Tech?

- Beware of your Smart phone. (Your phone reports your location and listens to you 24/7). Avoid Google phones.
- “Deplatform” Big Tech – Dump Facebook and Twitter immediately! If you must be on social media use Gab or MeWe.
- Shop locally, go directly to the vendors website if you shop online, avoid the Amazon middleman.
- Don’t use Google! Use other search engines such as <https://duckduckgo.com/>
- Don’t use Google Chrome. Use the Dissenter browser (<https://www.dissenter.com/download>) or the Brave browser(Brave.com)
- Dump your Gmail, Hotmail, Yahoo or other unsecure “free email account”.
- Beware of Alexa!

More about Smart Phones

“We all love the *convenience of mobile technology.*”



- Your communications traffic is not secure on your phone (NSA harvesting, Big Tech)
- Your phone’s microphone can be remotely activated even when you are not using the phone. By default, your microphone is turned on.
- Your GPS can be remotely activated and track you, all the while, making your phone lie, and indicate that the GPS is off or disabled. By default, location is turned on. Many apps require location to be turned on.
- A Flip phone is better but still reports a general location through cell tower triangulation.
- Avoid the above by using a Faraday bag. A **Faraday bag** works as a protective shield against any incoming and outgoing radio signals. When your phone is in a Faraday bag you are invisible.
- Summary
 - Your cell phone is tracked and triangulated via the cell phone towers the GPS function on your phone. When you use a Cell phone you are surrendering your privacy in whole or part to the governmental agencies and Big Tech.



More about Free Email

- Why does Big Tech offer Free email to its users?
- Using free email such as gmail, Hotmail or Yahoo gives Big Tech the right to read your mail.
- Your email is harvested for information to sell to business or provide to the government.
- This is another instance where American willingly sell their privacy (liberty) for something that is “free”
- Alternatives to Big Tech Email: zohomail.com. Free and secure with no ads. 5GB of storage
- Create a domain and email account just for you. You own it, completely secure.



Beware of Alexa, Google Assistant or Siri

- Convenience devices such as the Amazon Echo Dot listen to you 24/7
- Some high-end devices have cameras. Guess who is watching?
- All Alexa commands are recorded
- These devices are susceptible to hacking



Summary

- The Cyber Barons hold enormous power.
- If you understand how Big Tech works you can regain your privacy and cut off the flow of funds to the Cyber monopolies.
- Questions?