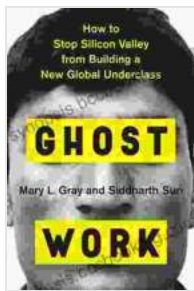


Escape the Digital Divide: How to Stop Silicon Valley from Creating a New Global Underclass

In the heart of Silicon Valley, where the future is constantly being reimagined, a dark reality is taking shape. The relentless pursuit of profit and growth by tech giants is creating a vast digital divide, leaving behind a new global underclass. This underclass is made up of those who lack access to the digital tools and skills necessary to participate in the modern economy. They are the ones who are most vulnerable to automation, data exploitation, and surveillance. If we do not act now, they will be left behind in a future that is increasingly defined by technology.



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The Widening Digital Divide

The digital divide is a growing problem around the world. In the United States, for example, 21% of households do not have broadband internet access. This means that millions of Americans are missing out on the

opportunity to learn, work, and connect with others online. The divide is even more pronounced in developing countries, where over half of the population does not have access to the internet.

The digital divide is not just a matter of access to technology. It is also a matter of skills. Many people who do have access to the internet lack the digital literacy skills necessary to use it effectively. This can make it difficult for them to find jobs, manage their finances, and access essential services.

The Consequences of the Digital Divide

The digital divide has a wide range of negative consequences for individuals and society as a whole. For individuals, the digital divide can lead to:

- Lower incomes
- Fewer job opportunities
- Reduced access to education and healthcare
- Social isolation

For society as a whole, the digital divide can lead to:

- Increased inequality
- Reduced economic growth
- Social unrest

Silicon Valley's Role

Silicon Valley is the epicenter of the digital revolution. It is home to the world's largest tech companies, which have a profound impact on our lives. These companies have played a key role in creating the digital divide, and they have a responsibility to address it.

Tech companies have a number of ways to reduce the digital divide. They can:

- Invest in expanding broadband access
- Provide digital literacy training
- Design products and services that are accessible to everyone
- Advocate for policies that promote digital equity

Roadmap for a More Equitable Future

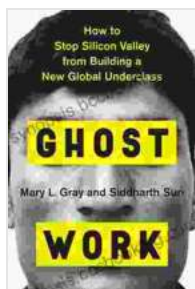
In her book, Sarah Kessler offers a roadmap for breaking free from the dystopian future that the digital divide is leading us towards. She argues that we need to create a more equitable digital society, one that is based on the principles of:

- Universal access
- Digital literacy
- Data rights
- Algorithmic transparency
- Digital democracy

Creating a more equitable digital society will not be easy. It will require a concerted effort from governments, businesses, and civil society organizations. However, it is essential if we want to avoid the creation of a new global underclass.

The digital divide is a serious threat to our future. It is a threat to our economy, our society, and our democracy. We need to act now to stop Silicon Valley from creating a new global underclass. We need to create a more equitable digital society, one that is based on the principles of universal access, digital literacy, data rights, algorithmic transparency, and digital democracy.

If we do not act now, we will all pay the price.



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