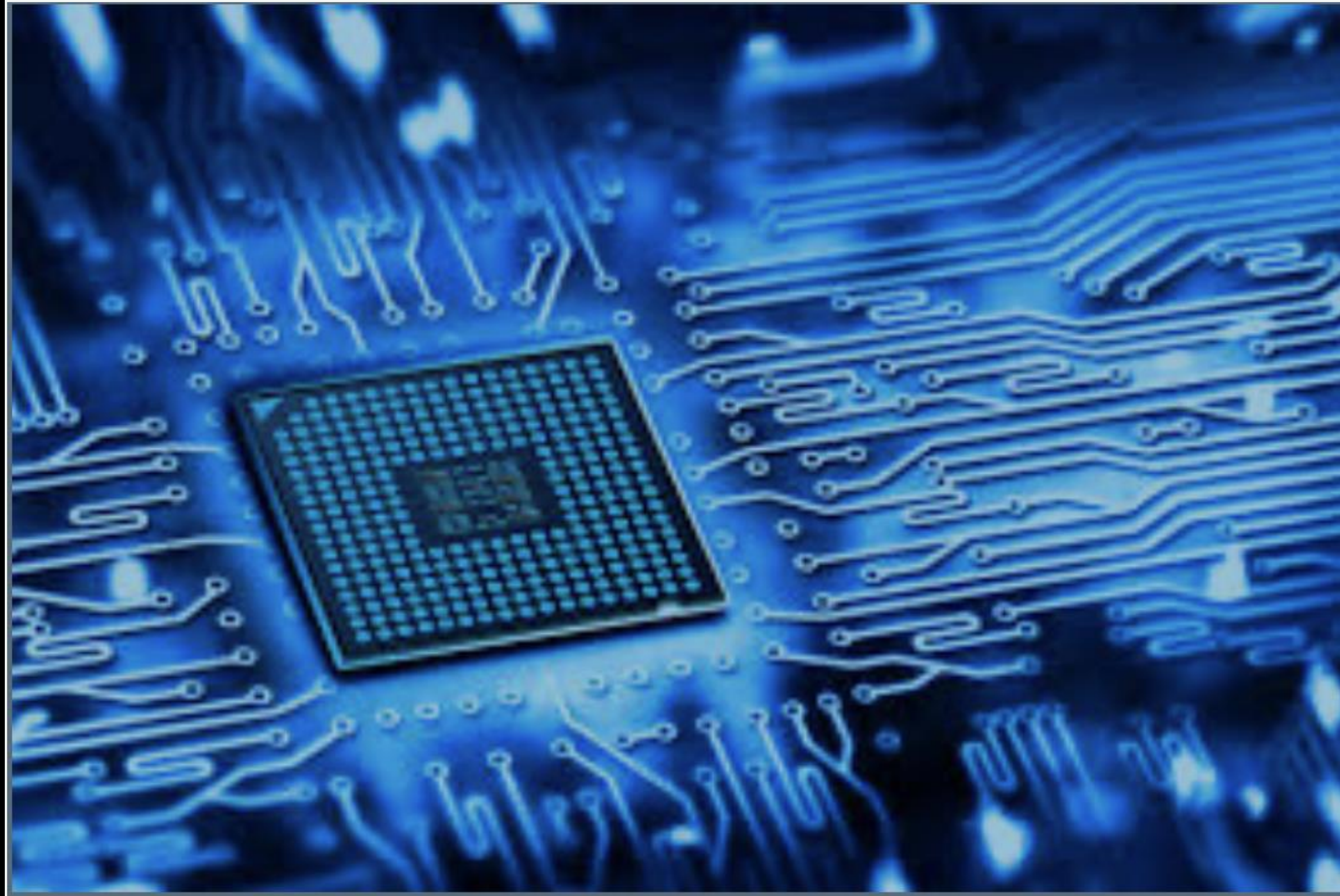
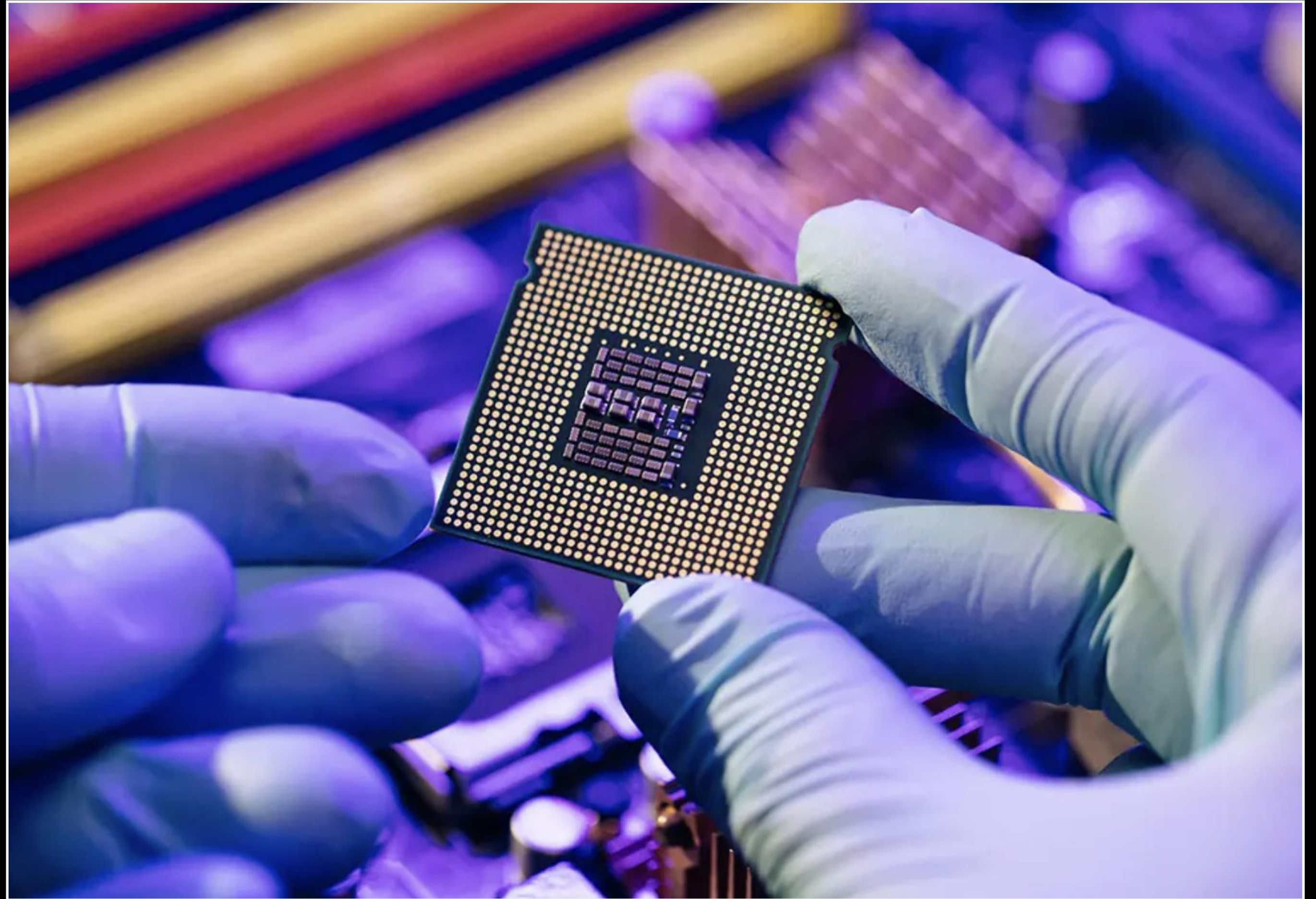


EMPATHY IN THE DIGITAL FRONTIER



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HOW TO SECURE THE FUTURE?

I believe that what fascinates me is the unstated question that lies behind much of our preoccupation with the computer's capabilities. That question is not what will the computer be like in the future, but instead, what will we be like? What kind of people are we becoming?

-Sherry Turkle

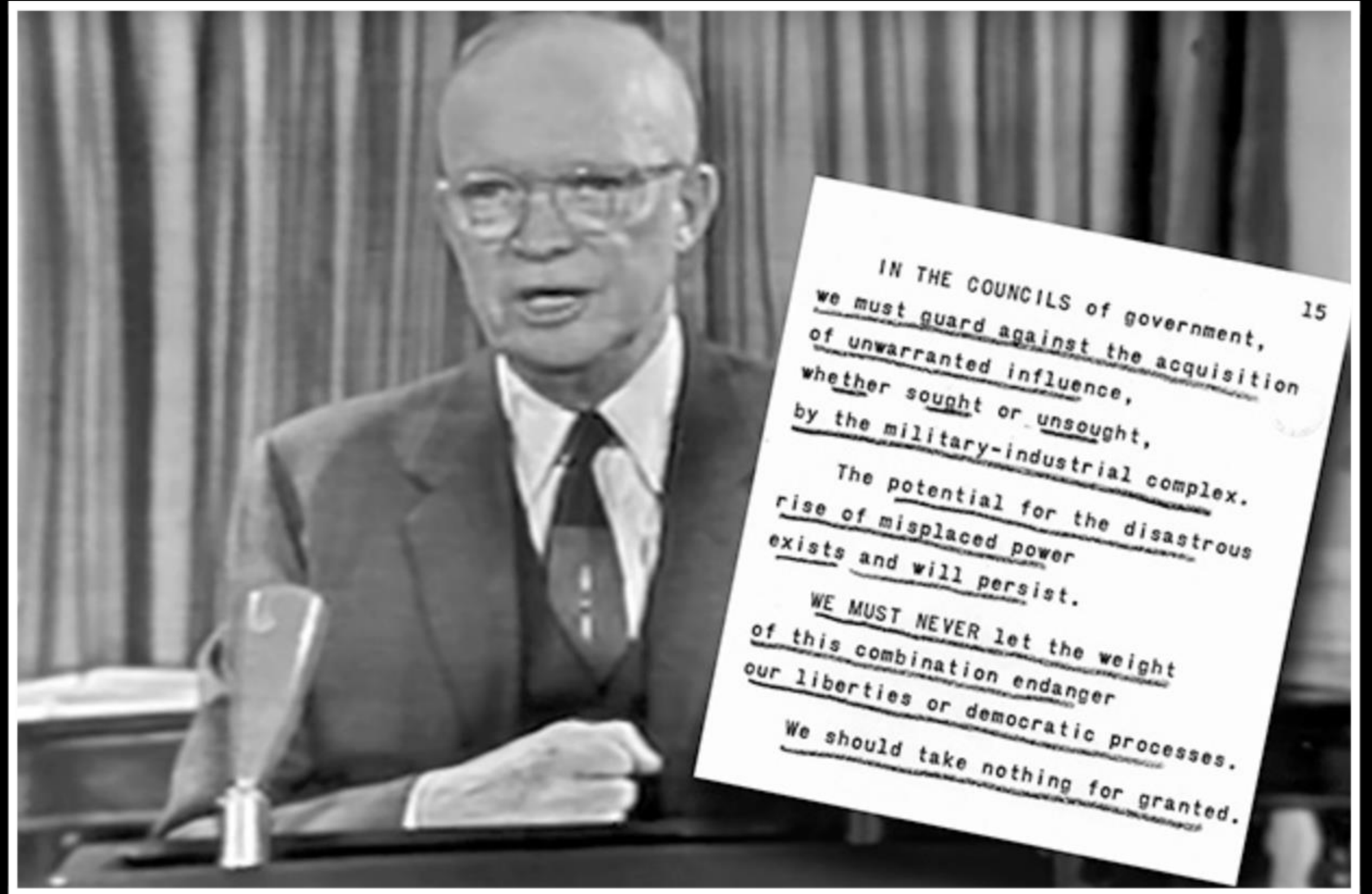
The Second Self (1984)

Instrumental v. Subjective

Instrumental: what work technology will do for us

Subjective: what work technology does to us as it enters into social life and psychological development, as it affects the way we think, especially the way we think about ourselves

WE MUST GUARD AGAINST THE ACQUISITION OF
UNWARRANTED INFLUENCE, WHETHER SOUGHT OR
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THE POTENTIAL FOR THE DISASTROUS RISE OF MISPLACED POWER
EXISTS AND WILL PERSIST...
WE SHOULD TAKE NOTHING FOR GRANTED.



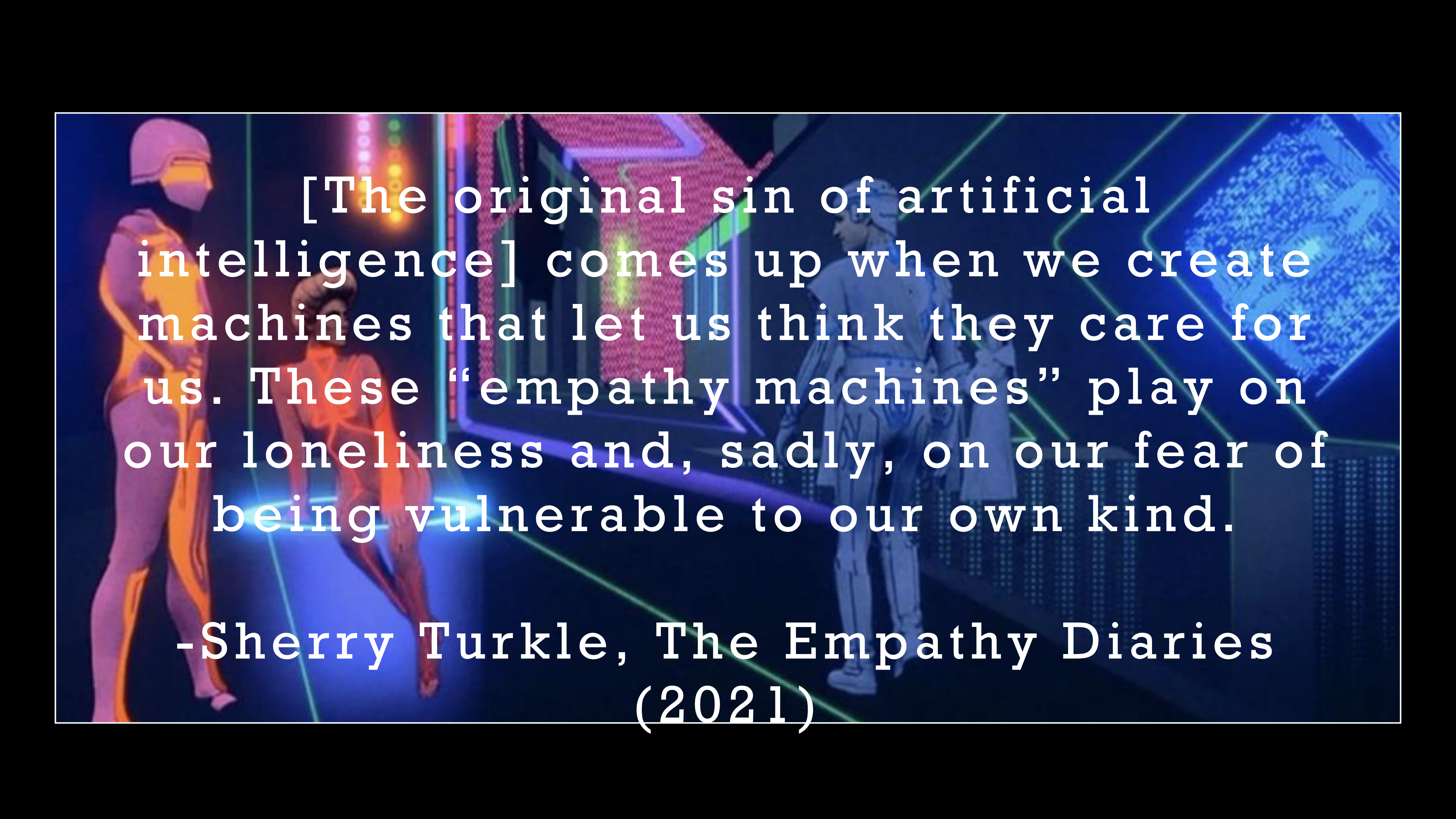


EMPATHY

“The empathy that I’m talking about is a psychological capacity to put yourself in the place of another person and imagine what they are going through.”

-Sherry Turkle

“The Flight From Conversation,”
Lauren Cassani Davis, The Atlantic
October 7, 2015



[The original sin of artificial intelligence] comes up when we create machines that let us think they care for us. These “empathy machines” play on our loneliness and, sadly, on our fear of being vulnerable to our own kind.

-Sherry Turkle, *The Empathy Diaries*
(2021)

A man in a light-colored suit and tie is seated in a dark office chair. He is positioned in front of a large, dark screen that displays a faint, glowing grid pattern. The room is dimly lit, with some light reflecting off the floor and the chair. The overall atmosphere is mysterious and high-tech.

Ed Dillinger: I Wrote You.

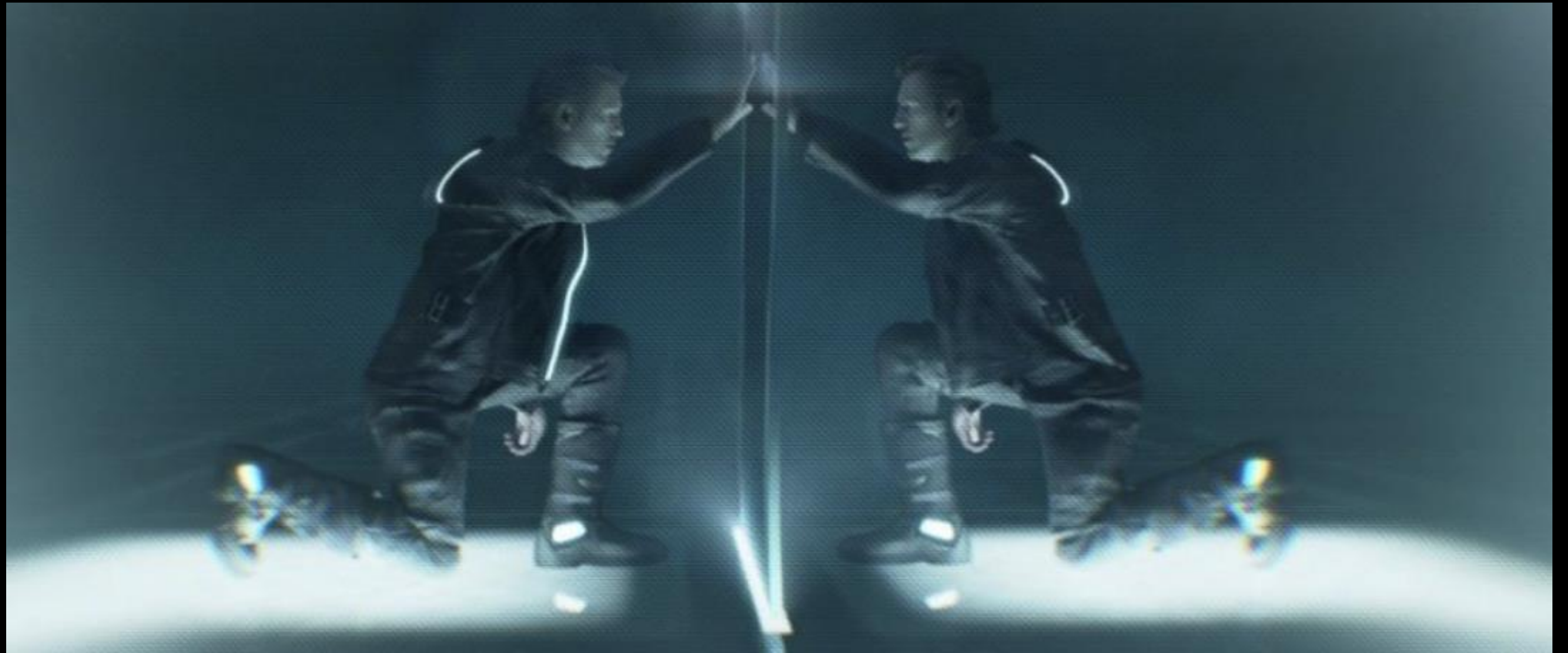
Master Control:

All programs have a desire to be useful. But in moments you will no longer seek communication with each other or your superfluous users, you will each be part of me, and together, we will be complete.

Master Control:

I've gotten 2,415 times smarter since then.

MADE IN OUR IMAGE





While we have safeguards in place, the system may occasionally generate incorrect or misleading information and produce offensive or biased content. It is not intended to give advice.



This system is optimized for dialogue. Let us know if a particular response was good or unhelpful.



What is empathy?



Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another person. It involves recognizing and resonating with someone else's emotions, and being able to put oneself in their shoes to understand their perspective. Empathy can help people build stronger relationships, improve communication, and foster compassion and understanding. It is an important skill in various contexts, including personal relationships, social interactions, and professional settings.



Are you capable of empathy?



As an artificial intelligence language model, I don't have emotions, thoughts or feelings like humans do, so I am not capable of experiencing empathy. However, I can provide information and advice about empathy and how it works, based on the vast amount of data and knowledge that I have been trained on.



The New AI—Artificial Intimacy

Considering the human is always the best guide for how to build technology. Our first question must always be: What are we trying to maximize with our inventions?

-Sherry Turkle,
The Empathy Diaries (2021)

The question we should be asking about artificial intelligence—and every other new technology—is whether private corporations be allowed to run uncontrolled experiments on the entire population without any guardrails or safety nets. Should it be legal for corporations to release products to the masses before demonstrating that those products are safe?

-Robert McNamee,
“There is Only One Question That Matters with AI”
Time, April 5, 2023

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We should guard against the acquisition of
unwarranted influence, whether sought or
unsought, by the Technological Industrial
Complex

The potential for the disastrous rise of
misplaced power exists and will persist.

WE MUST NEVER let the weight of this combination
endanger our liberties or empathetic processes

We should take nothing for granted.

END OF LINE.