



SC 4880D POLICING & SECURITY

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WEEK 12 DIGITAL SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE

- Darren Byler, *Terror Capitalism*
 - Introduction
 - Ch 1
 - (additional reading - chs 2 & 3)

*Author Darren Byler will be zooming in for the first hour - please have your questions ready!

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<https://www.netflix.com/search?q=social%20dilemma&jbv=81254224>

What is surveillance capitalism?

Shortlisted for the FT/McKinsey
Business Book of the Year Award 2019

The International Bestseller

THE AGE OF SURVEILLANCE CAPITALISM

THE FIGHT FOR A
HUMAN FUTURE
AT THE NEW
FRONTIER OF POWER

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'The true prophet of the information age' *FT*

I define surveillance capitalism as the unilateral claiming of private human experience as free raw material for translation into behavioral data. These data are then computed and packaged as prediction products and sold into behavioral futures markets — business customers with a commercial interest in knowing what we will do now, soon, and later.

What is surveillance capitalism?

”surveillance capitalism was invented in 2001, the year of 9/11. In the days leading up to that tragedy, there were new legislative initiatives being discussed in Congress around privacy, some of which might well have outlawed practices that became routine operations of surveillance capitalism. Just hours after the World Trade Center towers were hit, the conversation in Washington changed from a concern about privacy to a preoccupation with “total information awareness.” In this new environment, the intelligence agencies and other powerful forces in Washington and other Western governments were more disposed to incubate and nurture the surveillance capabilities coming out of the commercial sector.”

<https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2019/03/harvard-professor-says-surveillance-capitalism-is-undermining-democracy/>

Surveillance capitalism & the state?

Nosedive, Black Mirror Season 3

<https://www.netflix.com/search?q=black%20mirror&jbv=70264888>

**From selling products to changing behaviors,
shaping life...**

What do you think the digital enclosure that Byler describes for China/Xinjiang **shares** with these forms of surveillance capitalism & the centrality of digital technologies in the datafication of life?

And what makes it **exceptional**?

Discuss



WEEK 13 WRAPPING UP, WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

- Need for internationalism <https://internationalcomparative.duke.edu/news/heartland-hong-kong-case-global-abolition-striking-parallels-between-policing-hong-kong-and-us>Links to an external site.
- Erica Weiss on military service refusal in Israel -- <https://journal.culanth.org/index.php/ca/article/view/ca31.3.05/375>Links to an external site.
- Abolition feminism, an essay that discusses the movements, the definitions etc. <https://nonprofitquarterly.org/what-is-abolition-feminism-and-why-do-we-need-it-now/>Links to an external site. [Links to an external site.](#)
- >> In class -- we will watch a clip of Angela Davis on abolition feminism