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TED Talk Individual Report

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1 Plagiarism Declaration and Generative AI Use

I have read and understood the plagiarism provisions in the General Regulations of the University Calendar for the current year, found at <http://www.tcd.ie/calendar>.

I have also read and understood the guide, and completed the 'Ready Steady Write' Tutorial on avoiding plagiarism, located at <https://libguides.tcd.ie/academic-integrity/ready-steady-write>.

I have used Generative AI (ChatGPT) to enhance the language of my report.

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2 Individual Contribution

I have made three main contributions in the group project: the improvement of the overall argument, the Chinese censorship system case study, and the production of slides. Here I would like to talk more about my contribution to the argument.

Our group's first version of script included too many case studies simply agreeing with Churchill's quote, which resulted in a lack of depth.

Therefore, I started to expand Churchill's quote by differing 'we' and 'us', as in ICT case the developers and users are usually different groups of people. Then the difference between the meaning of 'shape' in 'We shape our buildings' and 'Our buildings shape us', as 'buildings' are entirely determined by human, but human can respond to the impact of the 'buildings'.

It is human agency that hides behind Churchill's statement, the developers must have an intention on how the technology will affect its users, and the users can also respond to the technology's impact. Further, the tripartite interaction between developers, technology, and users is a dynamic progress based mostly on the response of different social groups.