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The field Computer Science has allowed us to surpass our physical limitation. We are able to calculate faster, predict to (Remove to) with higher accuracy, and automate task. It has allow (allowed) us to land on the moon. But at the same time this study has created a reliance to it. This makes study of computers (Remove the S) science a prefect neoliberal machine.

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Starting in high school, my first academic heavy experience with computer science was AP Computer Science. This class lacked people who really were passionate about computers. It lacked students in general. A room for 30 for a class registered for 20 with only 10 who actually showed up. But at least we had a robotics club for me to geek out about for a while.

Now, coming to New York University, the computer science courses had the same void, not with the class numbers, but with the passion, especially in the clubs.

I feel like a lot of students see Computer Science as a tool. Nothing is wrong with that and I view it as a pretty amazing tool too. The problem with that train of thought is we get graduates who only know how to use a tool but not know when and how to apply them. How can you help the world if you don't understand the world’s problems?

I sometimes feel like I'm the crazy one at times, but just by going outside and talking to fellow CS students that randomly pop at events and such, I learn that I'm not alone with these thoughts. It's almost like there isn't a place for us to geek even in the classroom. As one of my friends would say, "We're going to bring culture back into CS."

Maybe we are afraid of actually doing what we want in life do the consent need to work?

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It’s important that we have access to a free and open Internet. Some could say that Internet should be a basic human right. As the Internet is woven into the daily lives of the western world. To some, having a working phone with an Internet connection can be more valuable then water.

A democratically owned and decentralized Internet should be accessible to all. The internet is bound to a state or even a corporation. It belongs to us, the people. The internet and all it provides is beautiful only because we share our creations, ideas, hopes, and dreams. It allows us to build and work on solutions to problems.

Luke Smith brings up a point that the freer a platform is, the more right-wing users there will be and the more censorship the left-wing users will be. Why is that? Luke Smith brings up an interesting observation I've noticed to that, sites that can afford more freedom tend to be more right leaning in nature and sites that have more censorship are more left by nature.

Michel Foucault introduces the fearless speech as the Greek's parrhesia, which is to tell the truth even and especially if it differs from the majority’s truth. The speaker who takes part in parrhesia doesn't try to use persuasion or self-interest. Parrhesia can be only done if the speaker is frank with their listeners. It's the speaker’s moral duty to announce the truth to the public.

Our smart phones and computers are almost extensions to the human body. We to be able to read your boss’s emails, message your significant other, venture to new worlds in video games, and access a vast library of media. To be a part of western society and have no interaction with a computer of sorts is a fool’s gambit.

Yet most of us don't understand how it works. The kids that are growing up with tablets maybe never know how it works because we lock the inner workings. Curious minds have to seek outside professionals to help them understand how a computer is able to run their favorite video games or how a tweet got sent from their phones and appeared on their friend's device.

If users could edit their programs and apps to tailor them to their own lifestyle, why shouldn't they? Because it's not in the interest of the Adobe, Microsoft, or Apple. Even though we pay for these applications and laptop,s the creator still and always will have control over you. You have no say other than to not pay for the product on how it should function.

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Wendy Brown discuses courageous speaking as a way to seek change or discussion. In a way, the same can be applied to using and promoting open source software. Through my years at NYU I’ve convinced my CS friends to install GNU/Linux and have involved others interested in the prospect of using Linux.

The open source community needs more than just programmers and tinkerers. We need the whole spectrum of humanity. There so much we can accomplish together with more open technology.

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Open Source Movements

I'm still looking for great open source projects that help and promote a more democratized, free, healthier, and safer world.