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## Contention 1: A brief History Lesson

#### From John Armitage in 2000:

(John Armitage,  Principal Lecturer in Politics and Media Studies at the University of Northumbria, UK, “Beyond Postmodernism?”, <http://www.ctheory.net/articles.aspx?id=133#biom>, 11/15/00, JK)

The importance of… Virilio writes of the military conception of history.

## Contention 2 Hitting the Wall of Acceleration

#### Transportation Infrastructure is rooted in the worship of speed, soon resistance to the perceived inevitable dominance of speed will disappear.

Virilio, 1997

– Professor of Philosophy at the European Graduate School (Paul, Open sky, verso, [print,](http://www.rhizomes.net/issue8/kuswa.htm) 81-83) //BZ

But let us get back to … trans-mitted long-distance to be connected.

#### These faster more efficient transportation systems create an emphasis on high-speed travel where the ability to question should we go faster is no longer relevant.

Harris et all, 04

(Peter Harris, Jamie Lewis and Barbara Adam, Emerita Professor School Social Sciences Risk,research groups: Interaction and Organisation (RIO) Study of Knowledge in Practice (SKIP) Published World Transport Policy & Practice ISSN 1352-7614 Volume 10, Number 2, 2004 <http://www.eco-logica.co.uk/pdf/wtpp10.2.pdf> Accessed 6-26-12 CSmith)

For reasons of simplicity, we can generally … as fast as possible is no longer questioned.

#### Infrastructure projects do not provide equal and universal benefit. Dis-privileged groups such as the unemployed, the elderly, and women would only be further marginalized by the plan.

Parkins 04

(Wendy, Murdoch University, “Out of Time : Fast Subjects and Slow Living,” Time Society, 13: 363, http://tas.sagepub.com/content/13/2-3/363 - oliver g)

Despite the insidious spread of both… (p. 32) which may not only perpetuate social inequities but exacerbate them

#### The status quo attempts to simply maintain the deteriorating globalized transportation system, staving off the great accident. Technology and the deterioration of the physical into electronic systems have slowly snowballed towards the great accident. Local accidents have become a thing of the past; small crashes on the side of the road grow into instances of world chaos in a globalized world, where even the smallest crash ripples through and create large tears in our realities.

**Redhead 2009** (Steve Redhead, Professor of Sport and Media Cultures at the University of Brighton

in the UK, “MOBILE ACCELERATED NONPOSTMODERN

CULTURE”, Working Papers in Mobile Accelerated Nonpostmodern Culture (MANC), 2009, Pg 5-8, JK)

Paul Virilio, the French urban theorist of speed and catastrophe is responsible (Virilio, 2007b: 68) for the development of the 0 of ‘claustropolis’ (which in his thinking has replaced cosmopolis). Dromomania is Virilio’s term… of the world’ that is on what he has called ‘the world’s old age’ (Virilio and Depardon, 2008b: 8).

## Contention 3 Mass Media

#### The Medias obsession with speed has caused the individuals to distrust the misinformation they have produced; this lack of trust is the cornerstone of democracy by displacing the actual with the virtual.

Burroughs, 98

(William Burroughs, Harvard Graduate, Post Modern Writer, Virilio is Calling, Last updated 2/11/98[http://thing.desk.nl/bilwet/adilkno/TheMediaArchive/13.txt Accessed](http://thing.desk.nl/bilwet/adilkno/TheMediaArchive/13.txt%20Accessed) 1/1/13 CSmith)

What's left of information when it … and styles of observation." Perception is occupied territory.

#### The media has corrupted democracy; those in power use the influence of the media to subtly reshape the views of others and divide social groups to remain in power this culminates in the ultimate form of tyranny.

Beard and Gunn, 02

(David Bear and Joshua Gunn, Paul Virilio and the Mediation of Perception and Technology Enculturation, Vol. 4, No. 2, Fall 2002 [http://enculturation.gmu.edu/4\_2/beard-gunn/politics.html Accessed 1/1/13](http://enculturation.gmu.edu/4_2/beard-gunn/politics.html%20Accessed%201/1/13) CSmith)

Virilio looks to history not only to trace the evolving technology of perceptions, … "real time" have a tangible effect on our political power. [3]

#### Speed shapes our political forum; it has caused the traditional political structures to implode we must first engage in the question of speed.

James, 07

(Ian James, Lecturer in French and Fellow of Downing College at the University of Cambridge. He works in the area of modern French philosophy and literature.Routledge Critical Thinks Paul Virilio, Chpt. 2 PG 29. Published 2007. CSmith)

Virilio is perhaps most widely known as a thinker of speed and … at a limit or at the ‘wall’ of acceleration.

#### Under the new regime of the speed-elite, all areas of trade, knowledge production and the military are all interconnected and has corrupted any form of cultural production

Hoofd, 08

(Ingrid Maria Hoofd, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS AND NEW MEDIA National University Of Singapore. Firstmonday.org, First Monday peer-reviewed journal, Volume 13 Number 10 - 6 October 2008 [http://firstmonday.org/article/view/2147/2032 Accessed 12/24/12](http://firstmonday.org/article/view/2147/2032%20Accessed%2012/24/12) CSmith)

I take my cue of the ‘speed–elite’ from political scientist John … thought increasingly finds itself bound up in this logic.

## Contention 4: The Solution

#### Thus: Jesse and I advocate the rethinking of our discursive relationships to transportation infrastructure through an ontological investigation of speed. We affirm and approve a transportation infrastructure that is not rooted in a speed logic.

#### We must ontologically investigate speed in the political, only then can we begin to break away from speeds hegemonic grasp

Virilio 12

(Paul Virlio, Professor of Philosophy at the European Graduate School in Saas-Fee, Switzerland. The Administration of Fear, Book 7 of 10 Pg 55 Published February 24th 2012, CSmith)

I know that I am a critical theorist. I am not a man of expedients. All I can … ack of which explains the lifelessness of current political proposals.

#### This instance is an example of the resistance the perceived, inevitable, dominance of technology and automation. Even just one successful resistance to the inevitability of technological development can expose its flaws and lead to a true and universal political change.

Virilio 2k

(Paul, Director of the Ecole Speciale d' Architecture in, Ctheory.net, “Ctheory Interview With Paul Virilio: The Kosovo War Took Place In Orbital Space”, 10/18/2000, <http://www.ctheory.net/articles.aspx?id=132>, 5/1/12, Gvine)

Paul Virilio: Resistance is always possible! But we … technoscientific advances that are taking shape today.

#### The cracks which litter the façade of hegemony are ontological and epistemological in character; resistance on the level of the everyday and on thought can make possible new ways of life centered around neither a quest for essence nor the renunciation of subjectivity.

Bleiker 3

Bleiker, Roland. Co-Director of the University of Queensland’s Rotary Centre for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution. Contemporary Political Theory, Volume 2, Number 1, March 2003, pp. 25-47

The above-mentioned refusal to buy milk… to a complex and turbulent late modern world.