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THE RISE OF MACHINES

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- “Automation isn’t freeing us from work – it’s keeping us under capitalist control.” (Mueller, 11)

- Machines are not used to make work easier, but to maintain capitalist control over work processes and to prevent workers form getting organized. High-tech monitoring bracelets force worker’s in contests against each other “gamifying work”. “Automation’s prime function is to destroy the ability of workers to control the pace of work”. “Niggermation” is a term referring to the practice of forcing black workers to work at high speeds on dangerous machinery. In 1973, 65 workers died per day in work related injuries. (Mueller, 13)

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Gavin Mueller, “The Rise of Machines”, *Jacobin*, Spring 2013, 11.