

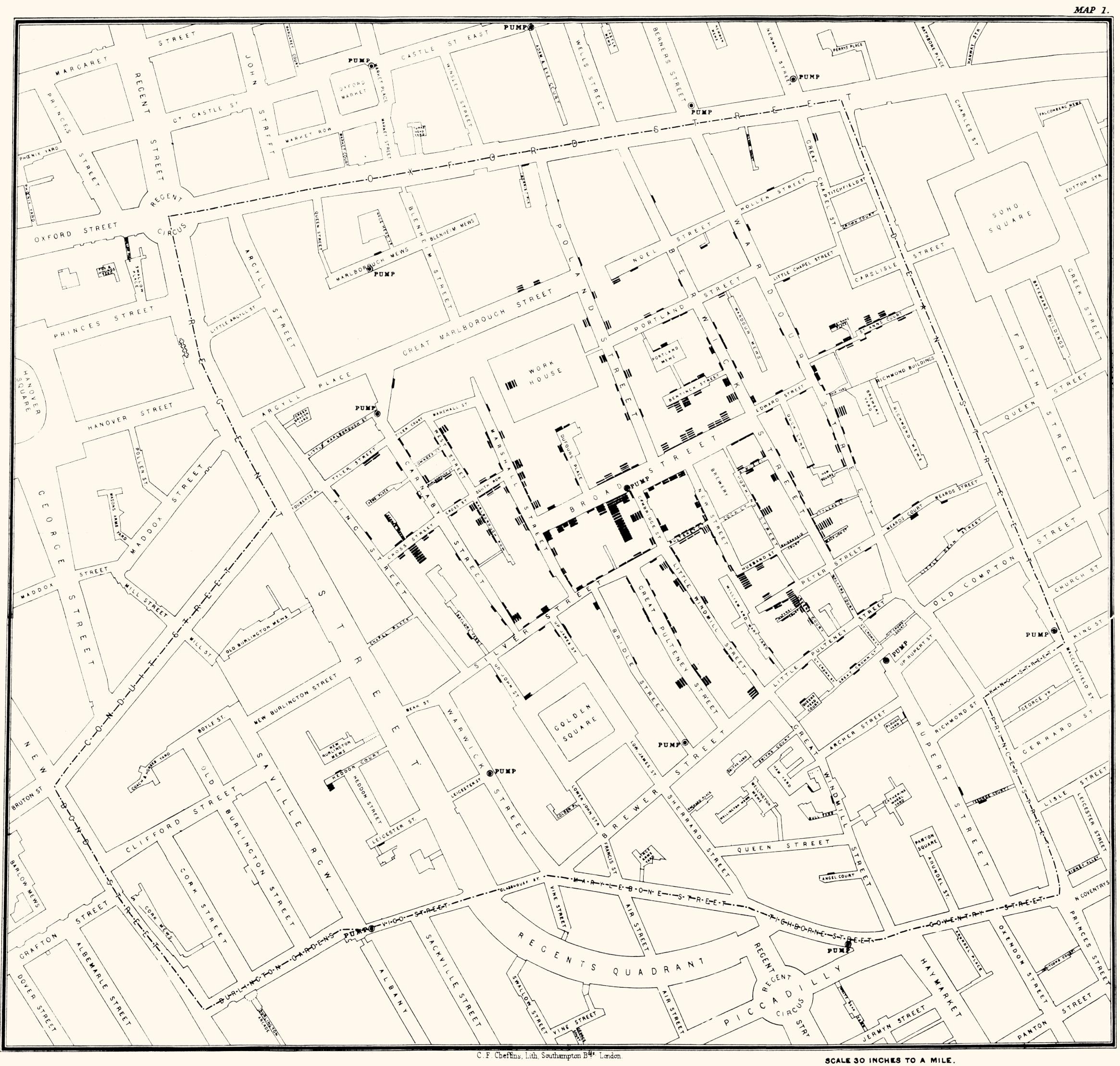
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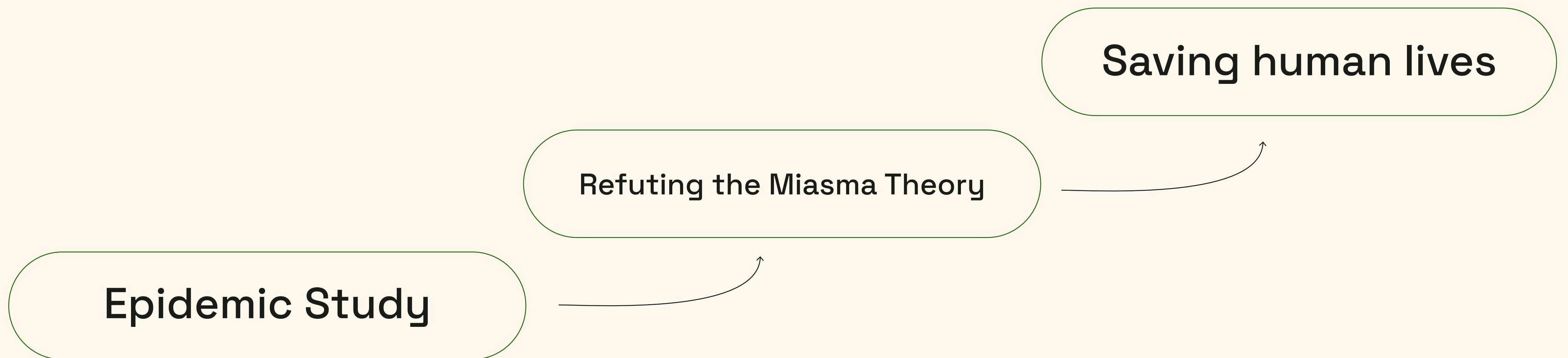


# Nexus

A Brief History of Information Networks  
from the Stone Age to AI

**John Snow**



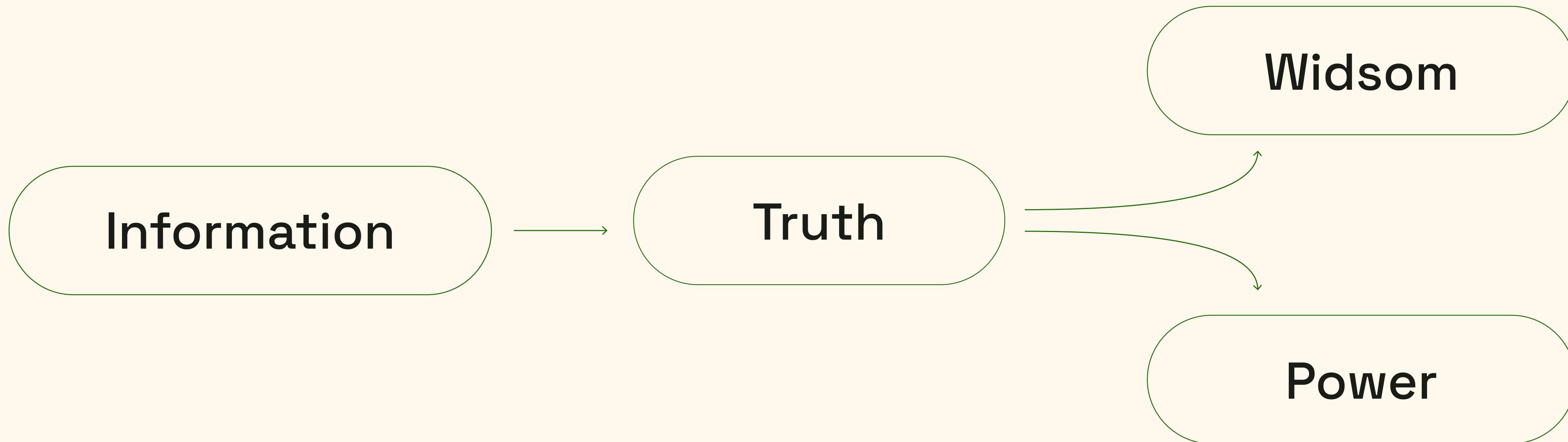


# Bureaucracy

**Simplification & Organization**

**Rule-Based & Standardized**

**Reliable & Repeatable**



“Information is the oxygen of the modern age. It seeps through the walls topped by barbed wire, it wafts across the electrified borders. ... The Goliath of totalitarianism will be brought down by the David of the microchip.”

Ronald Reagan



**Information as a Tool of Power**

**Dangers of Information Overload**

**Contradiction Between Truth and Stability**

# Mythology

Emotional

Fictional

Complex

Flexible

“...[the American Constitution] established a powerful union. For over two centuries, it has maintained order among millions of people from a wide range of religious, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds.”

Yuval Noah Harari



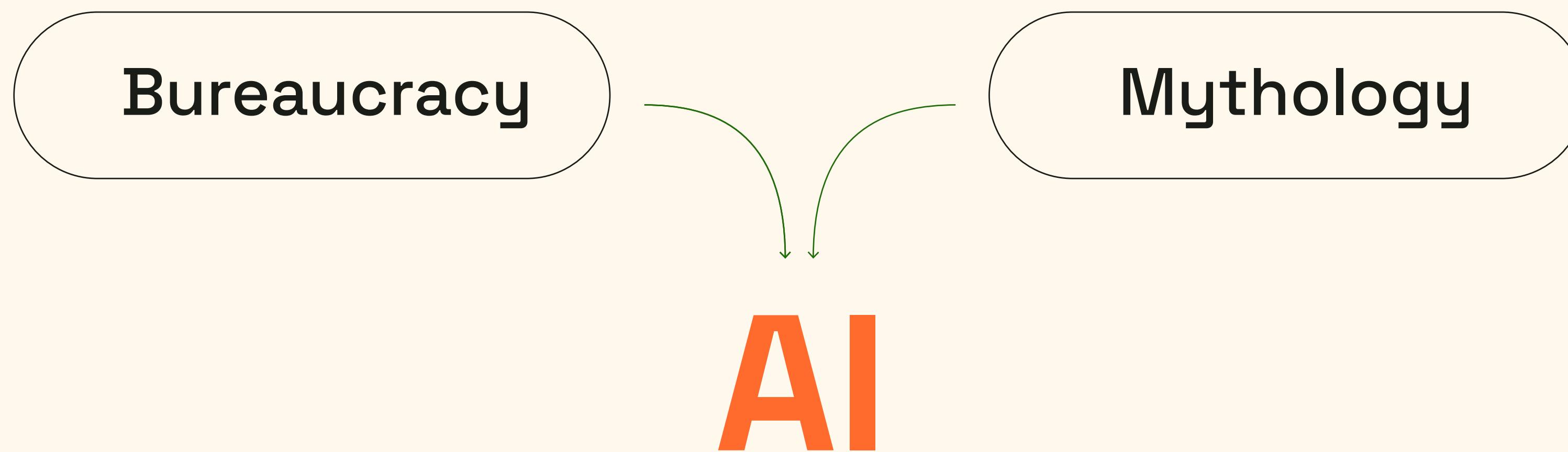
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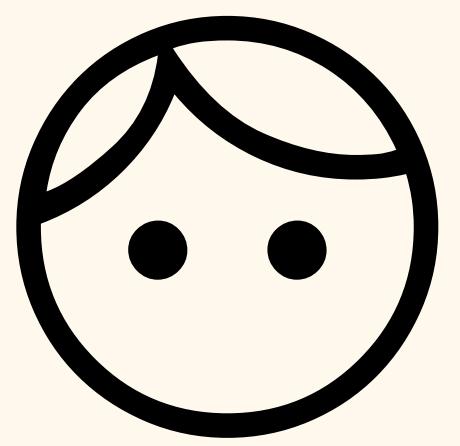
*inspires  
motivates  
creates community*

## Bureaucracy

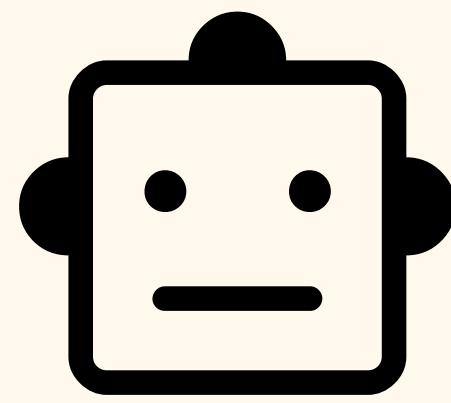
*Ensures order  
efficiency  
long-term stability*

AI





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“Artificial intelligence is not a tool; AI is an actor. [...] It can not only make decisions but also generate ideas independently.”

Yuval Noah Harari



# Silicon Curtain

**Cooperation Instead of Competition**

**Ethical Guidelines**

# Reviews

**“Durch seine Begriffswahl macht Harari die moderne IT vermittelbar wie wenige andere.”**

**Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung**

Aufgerufenen 06.12.24

“Seine Bücher sind eher so eine fortgesetzte Keynote-Rede, die das Publikum eben mit starken Thesen und großen Perspektiven fesseln soll. die mit wissenschaftlichen Karabinerhaken abgesicherten kleinen Kletterschritte der Erkenntnis, die überlässt er lieber anderen.”

Deutschlandfunk Kultur

Aufgerufenen 06.12.24

**“Der Historiker gilt als Starintellektueller. Nach der Lektüre fragt man sich, warum.”**

**“Aus der Flughöhe des Universalhistorikers ist eben nur noch das Allergrößte erkennbar.”**

Triviale Thesen, vage Begriffe:  
Darum enttäuscht der neue Harari

**SWR Kultur**

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# Discussion

**Who, in your opinion, should write a book about AI as an expert?  
What skills should that person have?**

„We are developing new technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) that have the potential to escape our control and enslave or even destroy us.”

Yuval Noah Harari

What do you think, do such statements help the societal discourse on AI?

**What could international collaboration in the development and regulation of AI look like?**