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SUMMER BREAKS

How app-mediated work can result in wage theft; inside Twitter's ten-year failure to stop harassment; and more.

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- This is civic tech: Don't miss Liz Barry's tour-de-force report for Civicist on vTaiwan, a new public participation process that grew out of that country's 2014 Sunflower Movement protests. Nurtured into existence by members of Taiwan's gov open source community as well as a number of pioneering politicians, the vTaiwan process combines innovative facilitation methods and a digital consensus-making tool called Pol.is, and now routinely leads to passage of laws by Taiwan's parliament, she writes, the country's new premier recently declared that all substantial issues should go through a vTaiwan-like process. In the midst of the signal failure known as the US electoral season, here's something to be inspired about: a true story about rational deliberation on a national scale, Barry writes.
- Also in the must-read department: Charlie Warzel's comprehensive report on Twitter's ten-year failure to stop harassment. As Warzel writes, "Fenced in by an abiding commitment to free speech above all else and a unique product that makes moderation difficult and trolling almost effortless, Twitter has, over a chaotic first decade marked by shifting business priorities and institutional confusion, allowed abuse and harassment to continue to grow as a chronic problem and perpetual secondary internal priority. On Twitter, abuse is not just a bug, but to use the Silicon Valley term of art: a fundamental feature. He adds, "The original sin is a homogenous leadership."
- "Here in the world's information capital, New Yorkers are still scrounging for a few bars of web access, dropped like crumbs from a table. That's New York Public Library President Anthony Marx (a longtime friend of Civic Hall), writing on the New York Times op-ed page about the need to make broadband available to the poor. He reports on the library's hot-spot lending program, which was inspired and aided by our own Andrew Rasiej, and calls on municipal leaders to consider projecting free Wi-Fi from every public building."



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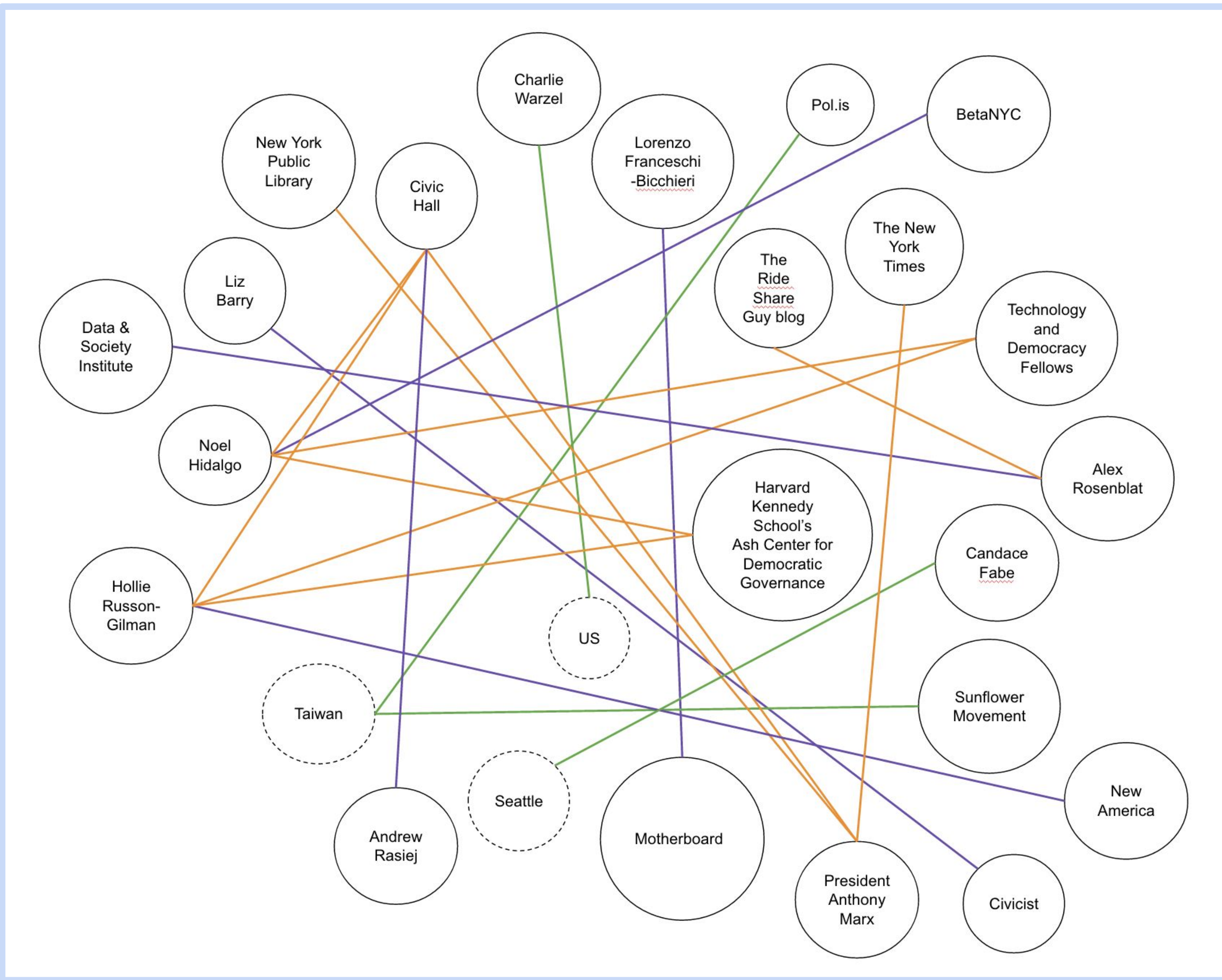
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Size By

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Civic Tech Blog Content

Store content as Raw Text

Extract Named Entities from Raw Text

Classify Relations between Named Entities

Generate Sub-Network of Entities and Relations

Add Sub-Network to existing Civic Graph

Created by Hannah Cutler during my fellowship at

