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Assignment Four

Topic: The effect of patent trolls on start ups.

1. I chose to read the article on digital inequality because the article had a pretty interesting abstract type thing. It was interesting to see a new take on big data. If decisions are being made based on big data and user information, those who do not have data collected are not properly being represented.

2. Basically what I said above. Most people who talk about big data focus on how it's affecting people who have their information mined. This author is talking about what he calls 'data antisubordination' or how decisions being made based on big data can affect those who aren't represented by it.

3. The current system we have in place for big data is not good enough for what big data will hold for us in the future. Revised laws and policies need to be put in place in the future so that all citizens are protected and represented from big data, something that will play a huge role in our society's future.

4. He quotes books like '*The Right To Privacy*' that states steps must be taken for the protection of the person. He also quotes multiple civil and equal rights articles in making his case for equal representation.

5. Yes it is. Mainly because it's a fresh take on the issue. Instead of talking about how he dislikes big data or how this is changing things for the worse, he talks about big data like it's already playing a big impact in our lives. Which it is. It's compelling because

their are very valid points being brought up about how our system right now won't be a good fit for a future where big data plays an even bigger role.

6. I think the author is right when he says that big data doesn't necessarily represent everyone. But it should be the people who are using big data who should be including in their methods these things. The one question I have is how do we find a way to represent these people in big data?