

# The death of why? - the decline of questioning and the future of democracy

**Berrett-Koehler - Nonfiction Book Review: The Death of "Why?": The Decline of Questioning and the Future of Democracy by Andrea Batista Schlesinger, Author . Berrett**

Themes About the Digital Disruption of Democracy	
<b>Concerns for Democracy's Future</b>	
Power imbalance: Democracy is at risk because those with power will seek to maintain it by building systems that serve them not the masses. Top line in the general public: possess enough knowledge to resist this assertion of power.	
<b>EMPOWERING THE FORTRESS</b>	Corporate and government agencies generally do not serve democratic goals and outcomes. They serve the goals of those in power.
<b>DIMINISHING THE GOVERNANCE</b>	Digitally-networked surveillance capitalism creates an undemocratic class system, getting the controllers against the controlled.
<b>EXPLOITING DIGITAL SLUTTERY</b>	A lack of digital fluency and a high level of apathy among the public produces an ill-informed and/or dispassionate citizenry, weakening democracy and the fabric of society.
<b>WAGING INFO WARS</b>	Technology will be weaponized to target vulnerable populations and engineer elections.
<b>Trust issues: The rise of misinformation and disinformation erodes public trust in many institutions.</b>	
<b>SOWING CONFUSION</b>	Each device rapidly disseminates or creates already shaky public trust in the institutions of democracy.
<b>WEAKENING JOURNALISM</b>	There seems to be no solution for problems caused by the rise of social media, disinformation and the decline of trusted, independent journalism.
<b>RESPONDING TOO SLOWLY</b>	The speed, scope and impact of the technologies of manipulation may be difficult to overcome as the pace of change accelerates.
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## The Death of Why

There just aren't many incentives to question when everyone around us shares our views. And if this is mass behavior, as Mejiias states, there is popular incentive only to maintain the status quo.

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Are they growing up believing that inquiry should be valued? If I could observe a way of using technology that would result in young people learning to read as carefully and 168 politics: engaged or connected? Nothing turns me off more than being lectured, especially when the lecture is for my own good.

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Conversely, in radio markets with more diversity of station ownership, there is greater variety in programming. Please contact BerrettKoehler: Tel: 800 929-2929; Fax: 802 864-7626. Of course, calling such stories — the meat of the news, that is — vestigial also implies that an evolution has occurred.

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Some believe that the generational rejection of the news is harmless and even, in light of the bias of the mainstream media, to be encouraged. Answering that question is less important than the implications of the truths in each of the arguments. In part I, I ask, Does our society value questions or answers? Andrea was named a Forty Under 40 Rising Star by Crain's New York Business.

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