

Evgeny Morozov

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The bigger the network, the harder it is to leave. Many users find it too daunting to start afresh on a new site, so they quietly consent to Facebook's privacy bullying.

~Evgeny Morozov

You know, anyone who wears glasses, in one sense or another, is a cyborg.

~Evgeny Morozov

The goal of privacy is not to protect some stable self from erosion but to create boundaries where this self can emerge, mutate, and stabilize.

~Evgeny Morozov

I worry that as the problem-solving power of our technologies increases, our ability to distinguish between important and trivial or even non-existent problems diminishes.

~Evgeny Morozov

As smart technologies become more intrusive, they risk undermining our autonomy by suppressing behaviors that someone somewhere has deemed undesirable.

~Evgeny Morozov

As economic life relies more and more on the Internet, the potential for small bands of hackers to launch devastating attacks on the world economy is growing.

~Evgeny Morozov

Smart technologies are not just disruptive; they can also preserve the status quo. Revolutionary in theory, they are often reactionary in practice.

~Evgeny Morozov

Information technology has been one of the leading drivers of

globalization, and it may also become one of its major victims.

~Evgeny Morozov

Search without Google is like social networking without Facebook: unimaginable.

~Evgeny Morozov

For much of its existence, design was all about convenience. We wanted to hide technology so that users are not distracted into thinking about the tools they use.

~Evgeny Morozov

Information wants to eat brie.

~Evgeny Morozov

Cloud computing is a great euphemism for centralization of computer services under one server.

~Evgeny Morozov

Surveillance cameras might reduce crime - even though the evidence here is mixed - but no studies show that they result in greater happiness of everyone involved.

~Evgeny Morozov

Technology changes all the time; human nature hardly ever.

~Evgeny Morozov

'Solutionism' for me is, above all, an unthinking pursuit of perfection - by means of technology - without coming to grips with the fact that imperfection is an essential feature of liberal democracy.

~Evgeny Morozov

While free software was meant to force developers to lose sleep over ethical dilemmas, open source software was meant to end their

insomnia.

~Evgeny Morozov

A faithful lifehacker would use technology to avoid dead time and move on to the entertaining, more gratifying activities as soon as possible.

~Evgeny Morozov

The Internet has made it much more effective and cheaper to spread propaganda.

~Evgeny Morozov

Universities ought to be aware of the degree they would want to accept funding from governments like China to work on, say, face recognition technology.

~Evgeny Morozov

The reason why there is more pessimism about technology in Europe has to do with history, the use of databases to keep track of people in the camps, ecological disasters.

~Evgeny Morozov

The implications are clear: Facebook wants to build an Internet where watching films, listening to music, reading books and even browsing is done not just openly but socially and collaboratively.

~Evgeny Morozov

Russian young people spend countless hours online downloading videos and having a very nice digital entertainment lifestyle, which does not necessarily turn them into the next Che Guevara.

~Evgeny Morozov

The global triumph of American technology has been predicated on the implicit separation between the business interests of Silicon Valley and the political interests of Washington.

~Evgeny Morozov

iPod liberalism [is] where we assume that every single Iranian or Chinese who happens to have and love his iPod will also love liberal democracy.

~Evgeny Morozov

WikiLeaks is what happens when the entire US government is forced to go through a full-body scanner.

~Evgeny Morozov

Google's vision is tools that will do things for you.

~Evgeny Morozov

Someone ought to publish a book about the doomsayers who keep publishing books about the end of publishing.

~Evgeny Morozov

I don't think love for technology itself breeds change.

~Evgeny Morozov

For Silicon Valley and its idols, innovation is the new selfishness.

~Evgeny Morozov

Is there anything more self-defeating than using technology to free up your time - so that you can learn how to do an even better job at it?

~Evgeny Morozov

When it is about technology, there is this tendency to just reject all criticism as being anti-technological and anti-modern. I think this is very unhealthy.

~Evgeny Morozov

To fully absorb the lessons of the Internet, urge the Internet-centrists,

we need to reshape our political and social institutions in its image.

~Evgeny Morozov

The Egyptian experience suggests that social media can greatly accelerate the death of already dying authoritarian regimes.

~Evgeny Morozov

Revolution may not be pro-Western or democratic.

~Evgeny Morozov

I want my government to do something about my privacy - I don't want to just do it on my own.

~Evgeny Morozov

Cybercriminals are usually driven by profit, while cyberterrorists are driven by ideology.

~Evgeny Morozov

The Internet can empower groups whose aims are in fact antithetical to democracy.

~Evgeny Morozov

Social media's greatest assets - anonymity, 'virality,' interconnectedness - are also its main weaknesses.

~Evgeny Morozov

Making loans accessible to millions of the previously unbankable customers is a noble goal. Getting them hooked to such loans isn't.

~Evgeny Morozov

Much of the real computer talent today is concentrated in the private sector.

~Evgeny Morozov

Military commanders do not want to be tried for war crimes, even if those crimes are committed online.

~Evgeny Morozov

Faster roads are not always safer roads - and virtually all societies, democratic or authoritarian, prefer safety over speed, even if many of their citizens enjoy fast driving.

~Evgeny Morozov

Calling China's online censorship system a 'Great Firewall' is increasingly trendy, but misleading. All walls, being the creation of engineers, can be breached with the right tools.

~Evgeny Morozov

Simply getting a country's population online is not going to trigger a revolution in critical thinking.

~Evgeny Morozov

It is easy to be seen as either a genius or a crank. If you have a Ph.D., at least you somewhat lower the chances that you will be seen as a crank.

~Evgeny Morozov

I'm active on Twitter, and I love my iPad and my Kindle.

~Evgeny Morozov

Free open-source software, by its nature, is unlikely to feature secret back doors that lead directly to Langley, Va.

~Evgeny Morozov

Dictators aren't stupid, or regimes could be toppled easily by young people mobilizing on Facebook.

~Evgeny Morozov

In part, slacktivism is what happens when the energy of otherwise dedicated activists is wasted on approaches that are less effective than the alternatives.

~Evgeny Morozov

If you want to plan a revolution, you never do it in public - the authorities show up and arrest everyone.

~Evgeny Morozov

Most other documents leaked to WikiLeaks do not carry the same explosive potential as candid cables written by American diplomats.

~Evgeny Morozov

Jean-Paul Sartre, the existentialist philosopher who celebrated the anguish of decision as a hallmark of responsibility, has no place in Silicon Valley.

~Evgeny Morozov

Truly smart technologies will remind us that we are not mere automatons who assist big data in asking and answering questions.

~Evgeny Morozov

This is the real tragedy of America's 'Internet freedom agenda': It's going to be the dissidents in China and Iran who will pay for the hypocrisy that drove it from the very beginning.

~Evgeny Morozov

Mobile phones are one of the most insecure devices that were ever available, so they're very easy to trace; they're very easy to tap.

~Evgeny Morozov

In short, Google prefers a world where we consistently go to three restaurants to a world where our choices are impossible to predict.

~Evgeny Morozov

For many oppositional movements, the Internet, while providing the opportunity to distribute information more quickly and cheaper, may have actually made their struggle more difficult in the long run.

~Evgeny Morozov

This marketization of personal information is a big mistake.

~Evgeny Morozov

In Google's world, public space is just something that stands between your house and the well-reviewed restaurant that you are dying to get to.

~Evgeny Morozov

I'm rarely invited to start-up parties, but who cares about their trinkets and apps anyway?

~Evgeny Morozov

In addition to their 'do no evil' motto, Googlers have always been guided by another, much less explicit philosophy: 'computational arrogance.'

~Evgeny Morozov

I'm not on Facebook. I have a sort of anonymous account that I check, like, once every six months every time Facebook rolls out a new feature.

~Evgeny Morozov

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