The Post-Truth Santa Claus
and the Concealed Present

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Summary

- Surveillance
- Santa Claus
- Social Control
- Fake News is No News
- Post-Truth Censorship × Unmediated Free Speech
- Present & Future
Surveillance Engines...

Every breath you take
Every move you make
Every bond you break
Every step you take
I’ll be watching you

Every single day
Every word you say
Every game you play
Every night you stay
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Every claim you stake
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... watch your behavior

... know your likes
  – You told them!

... tell who you go with

... know what you did last Summer

● F*k & the likes?
All of this has happened before and will happen again

So say we all!
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... tell naughty from nice
Santa Claus

- Ancient “tech”
- **Social Control**
- True or fake?
  - Don’t think!
  - Just believe!
- Post-truth? Not yet!
- Fake news? Oh, yes!
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Déjà vu?!?
Sharing fake news

Long before social media
Russia did it!
Trust big media!

Brazil 2016: not a coup d’état
Privacy & Copyright are compatible

A.I. will give us all spare time

Vote for change!

Obey the law!
A Brief History of Post-Truth

- In the beginning was the Word
- Social control through myths
- Propaganda: dominant narrative
- Monopoly on the “truth”
- No access to alternative views
- Blasphemy, heresy
- Conspiracy theory
A Brief History of Post-Truth

- Internet: anyone can write and share
- Hope: truth trumps propaganda
- Reality: global propaganda war
- Neutralize the Internet
- Post-truth
  - Shut brains off
  - Conquer hearts
- Conceal the present
The Treachery of News

GNU n’est pas un ix
Censoring Fake News

- Competing propaganda
- Undesirable truths
- Who gets to decide?
- Who gets to censor?
  - Big (Centralized) Government
  - Big (Centralized) Media
  - (Centralized) Social(-Control) Media
  - (Centralized) Web Search
Seeking Truth

• Why?
  – Informed decisions!

• How?
  – Exposure/access
  – Free debate
  – Critical thinking
  – Scientific method

Santa won’t give us truth
Hacker Education

- Dispute authority
- Question everything
- Investigate
- Work around barriers
- Think critically
- Share knowledge
Free Debate

- Strong Cryptography
  - Private debate
  - Reliable sources
  - Safer leaks

- Tor: the Onion Router
  - Anonymity
  - Unblocking
Untamed Internet

- Decentralization
  - GNU social, Diaspora...
  - Searx

- P2P distribution
  - Torrents, blockchains, censorship resistance
  - Freenet, Twister, YaCy

- Network neutrality
  - Old times in the past
All of this has happened before and will happen again.

So say we all!

Oh no, not again!
Untamed Communication Devices

- Software assistants
  - Free: serve users
  - Non-Free: serve developers

- A.I. filtering that does not R.Y.F.:
  - output: can’t do that, Dave
  - input: ignorant bliss

- Personal Post-Truth Santa Claus?

Demand freedom!
Thank you!

Be Free!

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