

OUR DECLARATION OF DIGITAL INTERDEPENDENCE

Whenever we do something new, it is better – and we are better off – if we can do it together. People succeed when we break down barriers of social, economic, and political division, and connect with each other. Today, we can do this on the internet, the most powerful communication tool in the history of humankind – but this will require breaking our existing understanding and relationship with technology to establish something better.

Respecting everyone, we think it's important to make them aware of the reason we are taking action and stating our interdependence.

We believe it should be obvious to EVERYONE that all people are equally entitled to certain rights that no one can take away. Some of these rights are Life, Liberty, and the right to discover and learn about ourselves, the world, and our places in it.

To secure these rights, we establish Understandings between individuals, communities, and organizations, which derive their just powers from the informed consent of all participants.

It is the right of the participants to remove or adjust any understanding that becomes harmful or destructive. However, they must still have a foundation that complies with all systems and conditions while making them happy.

But when a long pattern of abuse makes it clear that Big Tech wants to get richer at the expense of all of us, it is our right, it is our duty, to throw off such Understanding, and to provide new Guards for our future security.

Digital Citizens are suffering; now there is an urgent need to change their former understandings. The history of the present tyranny of the internet is a history of repeated injuries and data seizure, all designed to establish Tyranny or monopoly over the use of communication technologies and associated dialogues about government and civic life.

To prove this, let's consider the Facts.

The dominant internet companies (referred to herein as “Big Tech”) have refused Assent to Laws, most wholesome and necessary for the public good, as they relate to business practices and both protected and unprotected forms of speech.

Big Tech has acted to oppose the Government passing laws of immediate and pressing importance, that would create new Understandings, When the Government has made requests without passing and enforcing laws, Big Tech has utterly neglected to attend to them.

Big Tech has refused to create Understandings that would provide transparency, clarity, sovereign identity, and agency for the People to provide informed consent when engaging with Big Tech.

Big Tech has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing to Assent to Understandings that support Digital Citizens identifying ourselves independently, engaging in the Democratic Dialogue, and maintaining Data Integrity that is supported by transparency and accountability.

Big Tech has brought together corporations and governments to subject Digital Citizens to a jurisdiction foreign to our constitutions, and unacknowledged by our laws; giving Assent to private sector Acts of pretended Legislation. Therefore:

For betraying our trust and using our data against us in ways that hijack our attention and negatively affect our ability to make informed decisions about politics, the economy, and the world around us:

(*If this is how they use the information system that they created for us and others, it's no wonder why kids should be outside more, and on the phone or internet less.)

For requiring that we submit to Learning Management Systems, Social Media, and Software as a Service terms of use that profit on our creative content and metadata without our informed consent:

For subjecting our systems of Government to the cynical, self-serving manipulations of wealthy Big Tech executives and shareholders:

For replacing the public squares and the commons with corporate lobbies in which there can be no free speech:

Big Tech has disrupted Government here, by declaring us out of its Protection and waging War against us.

(*We the people should be able to protect our own individual rights and privacy from big corporations that use our own private information and life for monetary gain.)

Big Tech has corrupted and distorted our collective understanding of reality, and all but destroyed our ability to collaborate with our fellow citizens.

Big Tech is at this time moving to take over the institutions of education and health care, and further direct informational wealth in ways that ruin our nation and our world.

Big Tech in its current form has been used to manipulate us and turn friends and family members against one another in unreasonable conflict. We shouldn't let big corporations distance us from our family and friends.

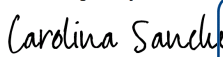
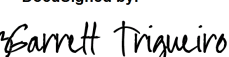
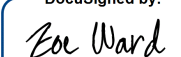


In every stage of these Oppressions We have Petitioned for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions have been answered only by repeated injury. Any entrepreneurial technology startup whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrannical Multinational Conglomerate, is unfit to be a judge of a free internet.

We have been willing, enthusiastic participants in the success of Big Tech, and we have also made them aware from time to time of attempts by their policies and actions to extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of their rise, and our need for digital features and services. We have appealed to their native justice, kindness, and generosity – “Do No Harm” comes to mind – and we have entreated them by our common bonds to disavow unethical practices, which would inevitably interrupt our connections and correspondence. They have not answered our emails, or our questions in Congressional hearings, and they have proven themselves deaf to the voice of justice and the connected destiny we all share. We must, therefore, acknowledge the need for Separation, and hold them, as we hold the whole of Humanity, Enemies in War, and Friends in Peace.

(*If the corporation does not make an effort to work with the people then it is not to be trusted. One should not be surprised by a corporation’s actions to "extend an unwarrantable jurisdiction over us" if the corporation has already proved how they work and who they are.)

We, therefore, the Representatives of a Free Public Internet, in Digital Connection, Assembled, appealing to the Judgement of the World for the integrity of our intentions, do in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of the Internet, solemnly publish and declare, that the Internet is, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent; all People on the Internet are Absolved from all Allegiance to Big Tech; and that as Free and Independent Digital Participants they have full Power to establish and maintain their own identities, create, save, share, publish, and destroy their data with integrity as they alone see fit, and to do all other Acts and Things which Free and Independent Digital Participants may of right do. And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of that Sense we may yet hold in Common, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our sacred Honor.

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