Is Big Tech an Existential Threat?

We've all become a bit cyborg. What we need to always remember is that we're not just merging with machines, but with the companies that run the machines. – Franklin Foer

Tech companies like Google, Amazon, Apple, and Facebook have revolutionized our lives, connecting us in ways that were once unimaginable — to each other, to information, and to entertainment. Conventional wisdom leads us to believe that the technologies unleashed by these corporations have empowered us as individuals. But is that really
the case?

In his powerful critique of the role these companies play in our economy and in our lives, Franklin Foer argues in *World Without Mind: The Existential Threat of Big Tech* that the success of these tech juggernauts, with their gate-keeping control over our access to the world's information, has created a new form of dangerous monopoly in America life. In our infatuation with the technological wonders offered by these companies, what price are we paying as a society in terms of surrendered privacy, intellectual property rights, and diversity of worldview? Is our sense of individual empowerment merely an algorithm-fed illusion?

Join Future Tense for a conversation with Franklin Foer and Slate chairman Jacob Weisberg to discuss *World Without Mind* and the role of these new technologies in our lives.

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Copies of Franklin Foer's *World Without Mind: The Existential Threat of Big Tech* will be available for purchase.

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