

Review of: "[Essay] The Algorithm; Mind of a Virtual Era – Our Code of Codes"

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Well written and well chosen. I think it's a fundamental issue. It deals with human freedom, as we could understand technology as a gift in its two etymological senses: as a tool that improve the humain being and as a poison. The mechanization of the human being grows as we delegate our lives to algorithms. The author has known to take sides for humanism against automation. Actually it seems to me that it's not a fatalistic text but a realistic one. I remember a quote by Mario Benedetti: "Un pesimista es un optimista bien informado". As I read the text, I realize it's not just a criticism against algorithms, but a vindication of other ways of thinking and living. Maybe it is a speech similar to others concerning the pernicious effects of technology (Mumford, Ellul and today Crary for example), but I think it's time to denounce the technological inertia. Congrats to Anna Aragno and thank you for your thoughts.