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When people try to sell you on the idea that the future is already settled, it's because it is deeply unsettled. This promise of an AI future is really just a collective anxiety that very wealthy, powerful people have about how well they're going to be able to control us in the future.... My most daring idea is to refuse. - **Tressie McMillan Cottom, interviewed at Urban Consulate in Detroit** (referenced in next source too)

I write because it feeds my spirit. It helps me unspool my thoughts and feelings in the hopes of helping others do the same. The process is the purpose. You don't have to always like or enjoy the process, but if you don't respect it enough to do it yourself, there is no purpose.
- **Marisa Kabas, Refusing to accept an AI-poisoned future of journalism**

This is the endgame of our isolation. Rather than throwing up barriers that make it harder to seek companionship and support in each other, we are being offered an artificial replacement for other people's humanity, and for our own thoughts. We are being bundled away from one another and deskilled, as critical thinking atrophies or goes undeveloped in people who outsource their thought work to an autocompete mechanism. Men who sell machines that mimic people want us to become people who mimic machines. They want techno feudal subjects who will believe and do what they're told... This is a fascist process.
- **Kelly Hayes, Some Thoughts on Techno-Fascism**

This shit is cooking the planet!!!! And our brains!!!! - **Ayo Edebiri on IG**

What is life but what we choose, who we know, what we experience? Incoherent empty men want to sell me the chance to stop reading and writing and thinking, to stop caring for my kids or talking to my parents, to stop choosing what I do or knowing why I do it. Blissful ignorance, total isolation.
- **Anthony Moser, I Am An AI Hater**

People are coming together from all walks of life and realizing they have more in common around this issue... they're saying, 'This is not the future that we want. We want a future where we can breathe the air, we can drink the water, where we have jobs, where our kids have jobs, where we have a livable future.'
- **Astra Taylor, AI Data Center Resistance & Fighting 'Billionaire Big Tech Agenda'**

Gen AI is Garbage. It is terrible for humanity and it is terrible for the environment. It kills jobs and it kills plants and animals. Also, it makes cursed, soulless garbage.
- **Daniel José Older, NaNoHelino**

A learner who would once have asked a teacher a complicated question is now asking AI. A writer who would once have gotten a friend's feedback is now asking AI. And it goes way beyond academics. People are using AI in place of therapists, in place of romantic partners, in place of friends... Isolation, while harmful to everyone, disproportionately harms groups with less power who need to stay in coalition and community to keep from losing their rights. - **Christiana Salah, PhD, Generative AI is a Feminist Issue**

What history has taught us is that anytime outside industry comes into Indian Country and has all these big promises of jobs, economic development, language revitalization, and all of these things—it tends to not work out for us. We are never the ones that truly benefit from that; we're always the one that ends up having to sacrifice our relationship to land, air, water, our communities and our nonhuman relatives. - **Krystal Two Bulls, 'Data Colonialism': Native Communities Fight AI Data Centers on Indigenous Land**

I would never wish to incorporate this technology into my work at all... I strongly feel that this is an insult to life itself. - **Hayao Miyazaki, from the NHK Special: The One Who Never Ends**

AI has demonstrated that it can do semi-compelling screensavers. That's essentially that. The value of art is not how much it costs and how little effort it requires; it is how much you would risk to be in its presence.
- **Guillermo del Toro, British Film Institute interview**

Technology, We Hate Being Exploited

- **Gita Jackson, The Left Doesn't Hate**