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With an engaging and insightful presentation, Rudi Volti examines both how technology has influenced our lives and how it is shaped by the societies that create it. The new Eighth Edition features new and updated coverage of the gig economy; technology, income inequality, and the changing workforce; reading in a digital world; Social media and the network effect; cyber-attacks; gene patenting; and more

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dara says

Oh, it has a 2.4 rating on GoodReads?!? I'm looking forward to this!!!!

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Kirk says

read for a class. not bad if you are not a techie i guess. otherwise most of the information was kinda common sense. cant say i learned a bunch of stuff from it...

Karla says

I'm looking forward to winter so I can burn this book without feeling too bad.

Carol says

school requirement - an informative book.

Arash Kamangir says

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Hammad Ali says

Have this for a course I'm taking, responsible for many headaches. Might like it if you're a techie and have a huge interest in society and technology but overall best to be avoided.

A. Volaticus says

This one might open eyes.

What is technology? We seem to use the word now to mean, almost exclusively, consumer electronic devices of all sorts and how they are networked - or at the very least electronic enhancements to other systems. This

can hardly be the case.

What is the difference between science and technology? How might we articulate that?

What is the relationship of technology to society? What is the difference between technology and society?

Why do any of these questions matter? Because if we are to be functional citizens of a democracy (dysfunctional as our own is, in the US) we need to at least try to understand the answers.

One thing Rudi Volti taught me through this text was this - and it seems to be absolute:

While technology gives to us something with the one hand, it takes something away with the other.

Some people will experience benefit, others will experience detriment. Government policies, and social engineering forces (unwitting or not) drive the course of benefit vs detriment. Not to consider these propositions leads us to a wealth of things and impoverishment of our humanity.

Aaron says

Basic textbook intro to tech's effects on society.

Katie Reece says

Assigned it to my technology and society course. Most students enjoyed the conversations created by Volti's ideas. Evaluations of this book from my class were positive. I do realize this is not a leisure read, I wouldn't have read it without my job.
