Brief Notes from a De-Monopoly DiscoTech

Want to reduce your dependency on big tech products?

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Why should I de-monopoly my cell phone?

Cell phones are the best way to collect info on us because we carry them with us everywhere!

Big Tech extracts info from us, and that info is used to serve us ads and accessed by government agencies such as ICE to track us.

Cell Phone De-Monopoly Next Steps

For iOS:
- ☐ Turn on Lockdown Mode
- ☐ Turn off app ability to track
- ☐ Turn off Apple personalized ads

For Android:
- ☐ Create a fresh Google account with minimal data
- ☐ Delete advertising ID
- ☐ Download alternative app store
- ☐ _____

Why should I de-monopoly my search engine and browser?

Google tracks users' search and browser activities. That data gets used to build a profile of us.

Google hands that data to the government willingly. The more data they have of us, the more vulnerable we are.

Messaging and Email Next Steps

For Email:
- ☐ Create a Proton account (check out their Easy Switch feature for migration from other email services)

For messaging:
- ☐ Send a message on Signal to someone that you would normally message through a different platform
- ☐ _____

Why should I de-monopoly my messaging and email platforms?

Many Big Tech messaging and email apps do not provide end-to-end encryption, sell your data, and put your privacy at risk. Switching over to a secure messaging app can protect your privacy and personal information!

Search Engine and Browser Next Steps

For search engines:
- ☐ Change your browser's default search engine to one that's privacy-oriented, such as DuckDuckGo

For browser:
- ☐ Spend 5 minutes migrating bookmarks, logins, etc. to a privacy-oriented browser, such as LibreWolf
- ☐ Enable privacy settings on your browser (e.g., if you use Firefox, disable tracking via Settings → Privacy & Security)
- ☐ _____