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Good Day to you. The internet was first developed by the Department of Defence in the United States to act as a backup communications system in case of nuclear attack. This was done under the ARPANET project and the first message was sent in 1969 from the University of California to the Stanford Research Institute. In those 50 years the world wide web or internet has changed life on earth forever. These changes have been mostly good but also misused from the communications Utopia it was meant to create. During this time people have become billionaires, porpers and others gaoled for their cyberspace activities. In the end the whole system should be a worthwhile tool for mankind for the benefit of society. This impossibly complex internet technology brings vast quantities of information, access and activities to our finger tips and through this we can manipulate and control all manner of things including people.

Democracy and freedom of expression are a corner stone in a peaceful and free society. So when the internet is used to distort those crucial aspects of life then every citizen has a big problem. This is what happened in the 2016 American elections which resulted in the appointing of Donald Trump as President and arguably the most powerful man in the world. The casualty was his political opponent Hillary Clinton who was universally expected to win but the yanks dodged a bullet in my view when she lost as the Clintons are about as corrupt as any member of the **dark state** could be. Now Trump's win was completely legitimate and the democratic result reflected what the American people wanted. Nevertheless the cries of Russian interference were soon heard and indeed that was true to a small degree. You see the Ruski's used **disinformation** over the internet to attempt to sway people away from Clinton and toward Trump. Surprisingly however most of the internet interference came from Facebook, Google and Twitter which deliberately stacked the deck by sending people to sites more in favour of Clinton and not Trump. We have a group called **Project Veritas** to thank for alerting the free world to this misuse of information and rough handling of democracy. As an example, suppose you Googled the phrase "**presidential candidates**" then the software algorithm rule within Google would bias the result toward a Clinton and a Democrat favoured site. Do this over and over billions of times and you influence people subliminally and effectively. You are in fact deliberately **programming people**, like it or not. The high tech epicentre of the USA is in Silicon Valley and the major tech company businesses are very left wing in their political outlook while basking in the sun of free enterprise and hypocrisy. They represent a dark global ruling class driven by greed and supported by technology. These major internet platforms pursue a global scale with religious zeal. To avoid the friction of subscription fees, they sell advertising. To make their advertising valuable, they employ a wide range of psychological tricks, some borrowed from gambling machines, propaganda, and magic. They manipulate attention. They use surveillance to create user profiles that would be the envy of any intelligence agency and they took advantage of lax regulation to acquire would-be competitors. They represent George Orwell's 1984 dystopia perfectly.

To drive home the effectiveness of disinformation internet activity it's calculated that Google can redirect **63,000 people per second** to see the content they want them to see. That's over **1.3 trillion times a year worldwide** and Google is used for more than 90% of all on line searches. The lesson is, don't believe everything you see and hear on the internet and be aware you are probably being manipulated. Develop your own ideas and perspective and be righteous with your freedom and your vote. These large anonymous internet platforms steal our lives and freedom and preoccupy our children to the detriment of the next generation.

Until next time this is Kent Bayley