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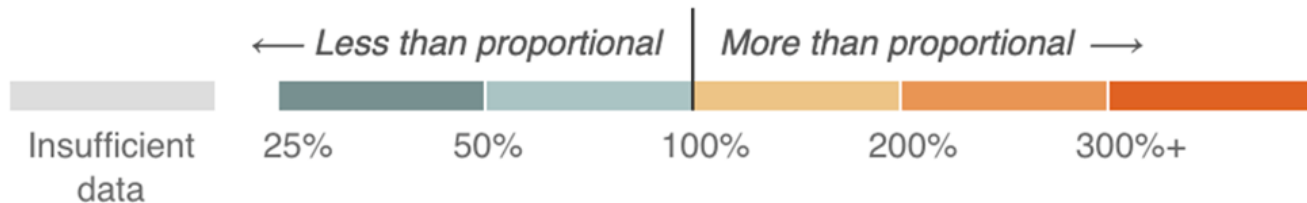


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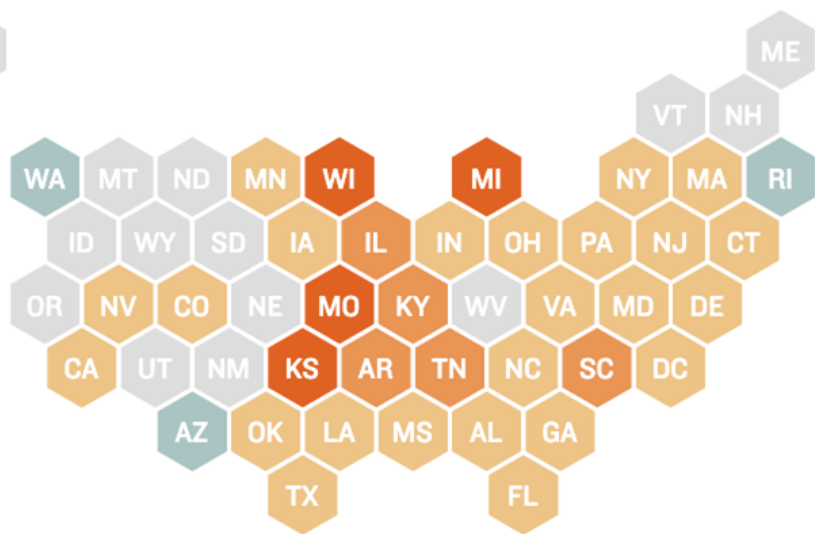
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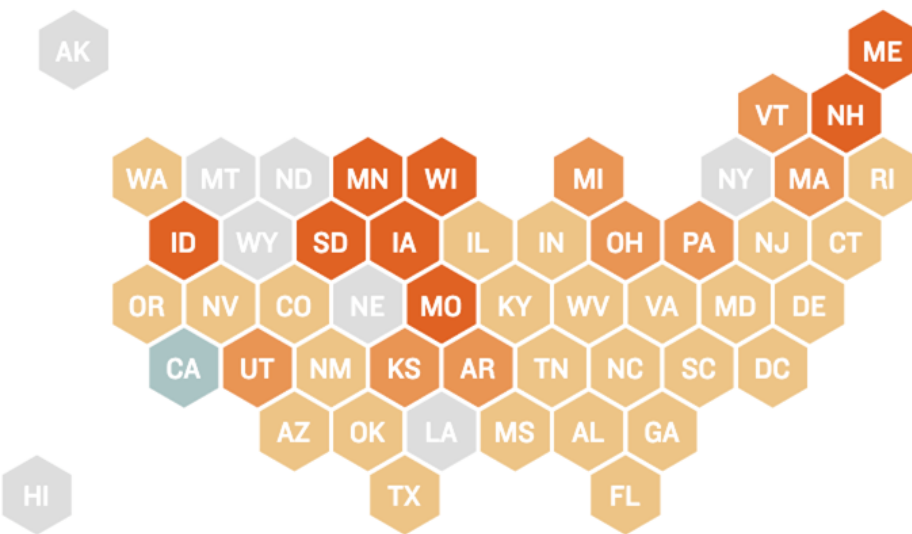
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“The crisis consists precisely in the fact that the old is dying and the new cannot be born; in this interregnum a great variety of morbid symptoms appear.”

Antonio Gramsci



“The old world is dying, and the new world struggles to be born: now is the time of monsters.”

Slavoj Žižek's (loose) translation of Gramsci

Without an unflinching honesty about where we are, we cannot discern where we need to go.



What does a pedagogical praxis rooted in hope look like?



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during the “time of monsters?”**



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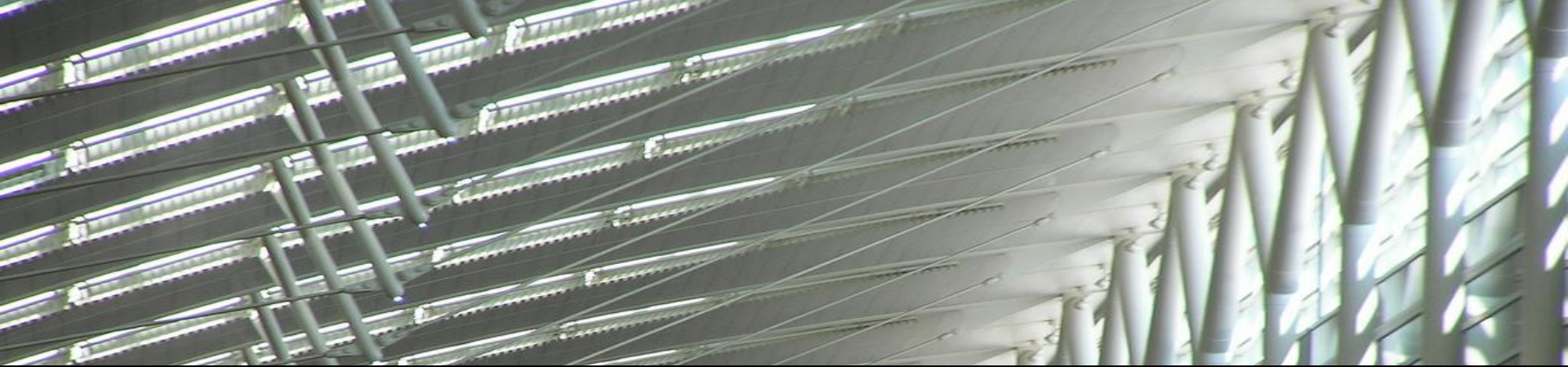
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Hope = Agency + Pathway(s)

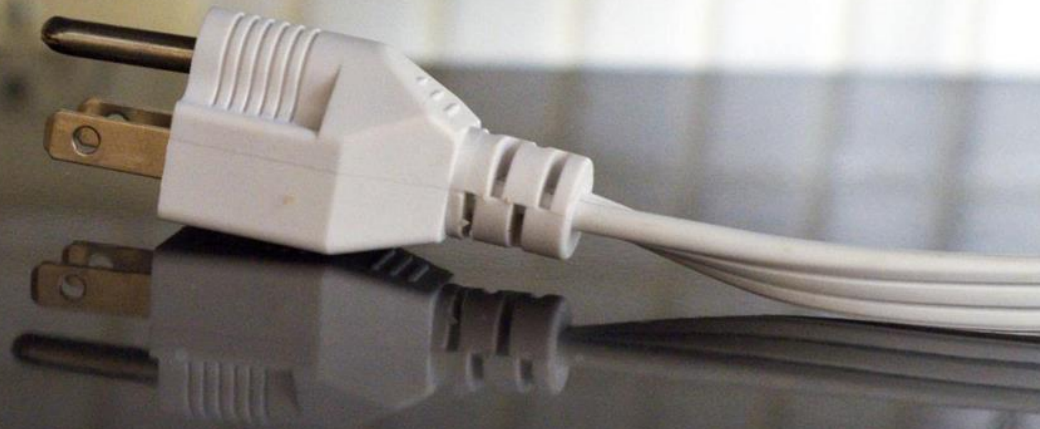
(McGowan & Felten, 2021)



Structures of inequality will always reproduce themselves until we intervene to stop that reproduction.



How do we intervene?





College-Ready
Student



Student-Ready
College

What can we no longer ignore about our students and their learning?

And what are we going to do with this knowledge?





In education, the opposite of hope is fear.



Are we making decisions from a place of fear?

When we make decisions based in fear, we become hoarders. We clutch harder at what we see as scarce, because it gives us the illusion of control.



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A SPACE OF PRIVILEGE

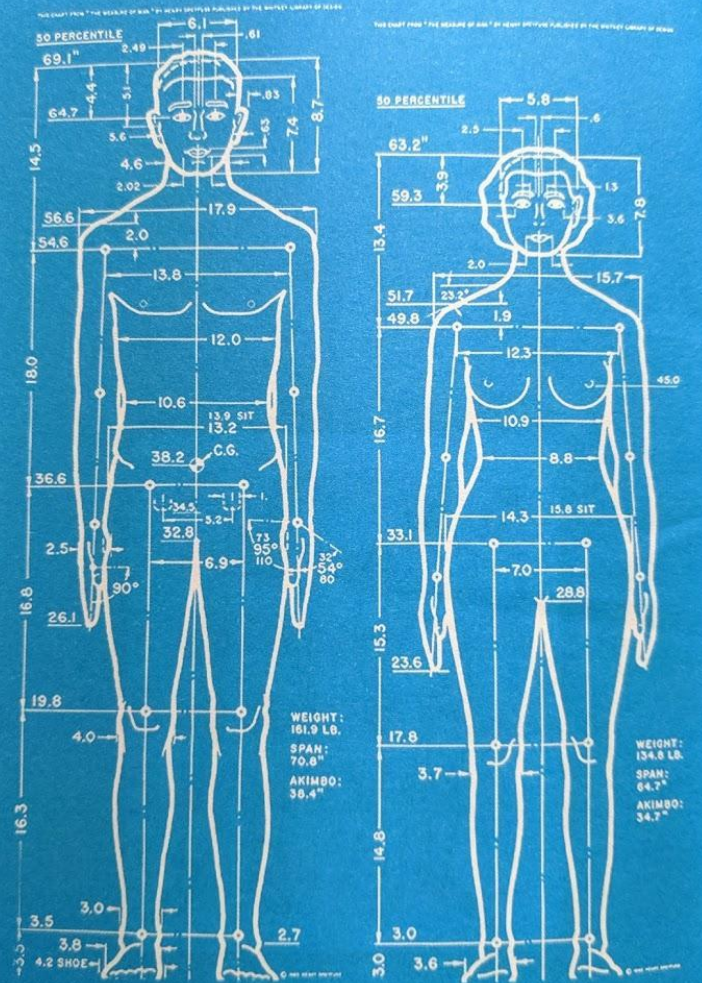
AND PREJUDICE

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Weaponized Design

“electronic systems whose designs either do not account for abusive application or whose user experiences directly empower attackers.” -Cade, [*On Weaponised Design*](#)





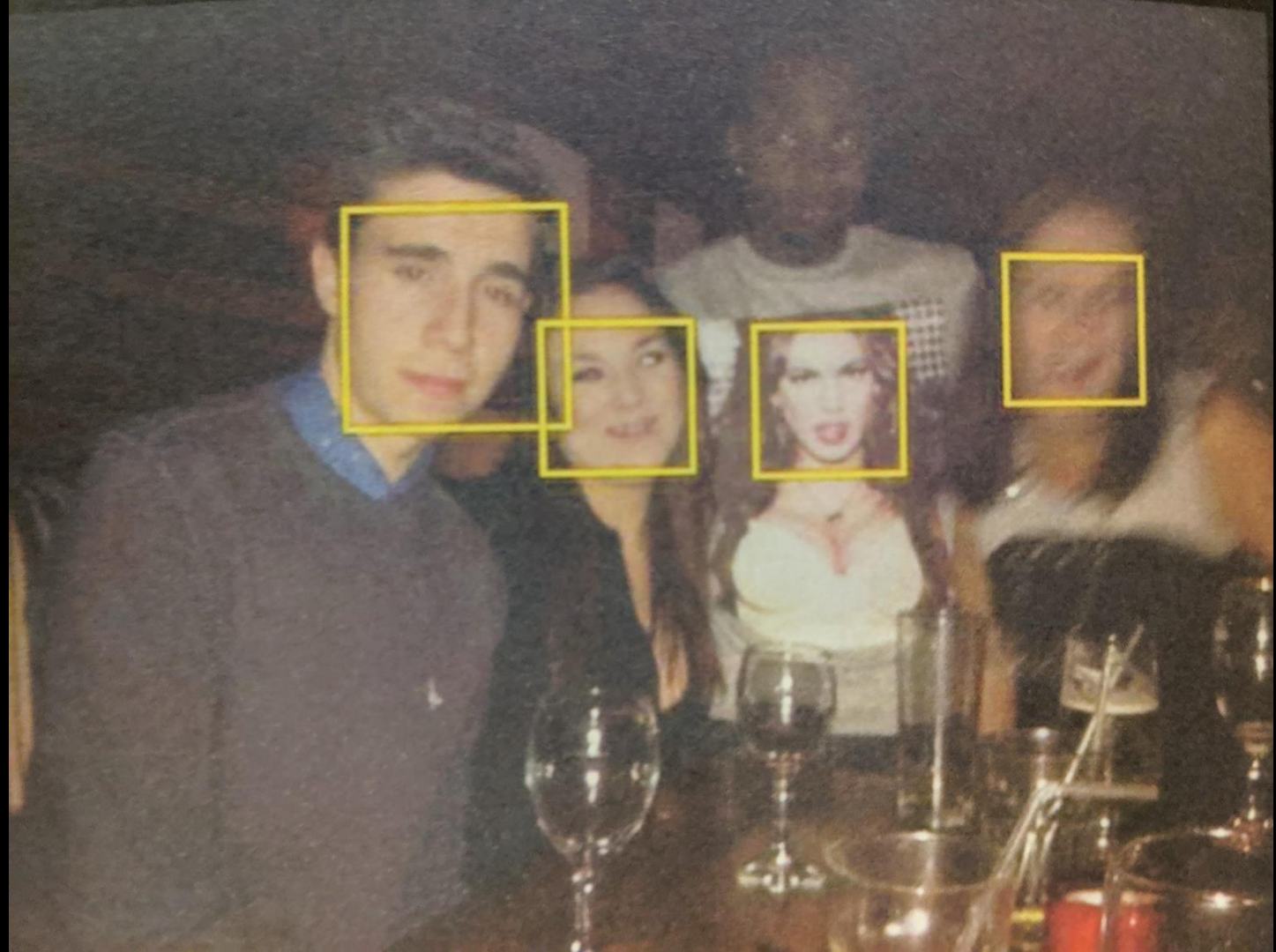
Henry Dreyfuss, *The Measure of Man (1959)*

“It is not customary to design for everyone. The few at either end of the normal curve may be so extreme that an encompassing design could become too large or too expensive to produce.”

Quoted in [Pater \(2016\)](#)

↑ Image from: Dreyfuss, Henry. *The Measure of Man*. Whitney Library of Design, 1959. Copyright 1993 Henry Dreyfuss Associates.







“Mismatch”

“Mismatches are barriers to interacting with the world around us. They are a byproduct of how our world is designed...
mismatches are the building blocks of exclusion.”

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Cheating with Chegg During COVID-19

DC STUDENT DEFENSE
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Technology

Cheating-detection companies made millions during the pandemic. Now students are fighting back.

With remote proctors watching them take tests, some worry that even leaving for the bathroom will brand them as cheaters.

ASSESSMENT

How to Prevent Student Cheating During Remote Learning: 4 Tips

Dehumanization, which marks not only those whose humanity has been stolen, but also (though in a different way) those who have stolen it, is a *distortion* of the vocation of becoming more fully human.

Paulo Freire, *Pedagogy of the Oppressed*, ch. 1

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A photograph of a white picket fence that curves to the right and ends at a brick pillar. The fence is in the foreground, and the background is a lush green field with tall grass and several trees. The lighting is soft, suggesting an overcast day or late afternoon. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Educere (Latin): to draw out, to draw forth



It's hard to draw something forth if it's behind a fence.

Diversity statements are not enough.





“We are open to having the tough conversations...”





We should design courses *for* students, not in spite of them.

“Covering content” is something teachers do, not students.





Let's create spaces that foster meaningful and genuine PRESENCE




Where, and How, does the most meaningful learning occur?



Where, to whom, and how do we allocate resources?



A photograph of a classroom or lecture hall. The room is filled with rows of wooden desks and purple upholstered chairs. The desks are arranged in a slightly curved pattern, and the chairs are tucked under them. The lighting is bright, suggesting a window in the background. The floor is a light-colored, polished surface.

Teacher working conditions are
student learning conditions.



At its fundamental level, learning is *social*.



Learning is both a *cognitive* and *affective* process.



“The first revolution is when you change your mind.”

Gil Scott-Heron

imagine *different.*

imagine *better.*

“When it becomes a program, hopelessness paralyzes us, immobilizes us. We succumb to fatalism, and then it becomes impossible to muster the strength we absolutely need for a fierce struggle that will re-create the world.

I am hopeful not out of mere stubbornness, but out of an existential, concrete imperative.”

Paulo Freire, *Pedagogy of Hope*



A photograph of ancient ruins, likely the Temple of Apollo in Side, Turkey. The scene features several tall, fluted columns and a partially reconstructed section with a pediment. In the foreground, a single vibrant red rose is in sharp focus, growing from a crack in the stone pavement. The background shows more ruins and a clear blue sky.

Commit radical acts of hope.

References and Further Resources
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