

CS 4873-A Computing and Society | Spring 2021 | Instructor: Munmun De Choudhury
The Politics of an Artifact

Due:	February 12, 2021, 11:59pm Eastern Time
Format:	Approximately 2 to 3 pages, double spaced, 12 point font
Logistics	Submit as a PDF document on Canvas
Grading criteria:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Completeness▪ Writing▪ Insight into issues
Grade	30 points (3% of your overall grade)

Pick a technology that uses computing in some fashion, and describe what values and politics it embodies. Speculate about what implications of the technology are likely intentional, and which ones are likely unintentional. Also consider implications for different groups affected by the technology. You may want to consider marginalized groups like victims of domestic violence or stalking, or people who live under authoritarian regimes.

Possible topics include:

- face recognition software
- drones
- fitness trackers
- GPS
- COVID-19 digital contact tracing applications
- any other computing technology of your choice

Please include at least three references, in APA format. It's OK for this assignment if they are articles in the popular press or blog posts. Later in the term we will do research focused on peer-reviewed sources.

It is OK for this assignment to express personal opinions, but please make it clear what is opinion in your paper.