

**CS 3001-C Computing and Society | Spring 2022 | Instructor: Munmun De Choudhury**  
**The Politics of an Artifact**

<b>Due:</b>	February 2, 2022, 11:59pm Eastern Time
<b>Format:</b>	Approximately 2 to 3 pages, double spaced, 12 point font
<b>Logistics</b>	Submit as a PDF document on Canvas
<b>Grading criteria:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Completeness</li><li>▪ Writing</li><li>▪ Insight into issues</li></ul>
<b>Grade</b>	40 points (4% 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.