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How We Can Prevent the Digital World of *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

Economic Liberation vs Convenience and Corporate/Cultural Pressure



Surveillance is everywhere non-stop



The relationships between the producer and the consumer

Market economy

Alienation between the producer and the consumer. Instead of producing for another person, the worker produces for a wage.

Relational economy

Instead of producing work for a wage, a direct relation is produced to another person.

“It is difficult to get a man to understand something, when his salary depends on his not understanding it.”

— Upton Sinclair



This is still happening all over the world. What is our contribution?



Class of 1971 * Weston High School, Weston Connecticut - 1969

Building Blocks of Freedom



Free Software

Cooperative
Platforms

Solidarity
Economy

Personal Power

Free (Libre) Software

A program is free software if the program's users have the four essential freedoms:

- The freedom to run the program as you wish, for any purpose (freedom 0).
- The freedom to study how the program works, and change it, so it does your computing as you wish (freedom 1).
- The freedom to redistribute copies so you can help others (freedom 2).
- The freedom to distribute copies of your modified versions to others (freedom 3).

Cooperative Platforms

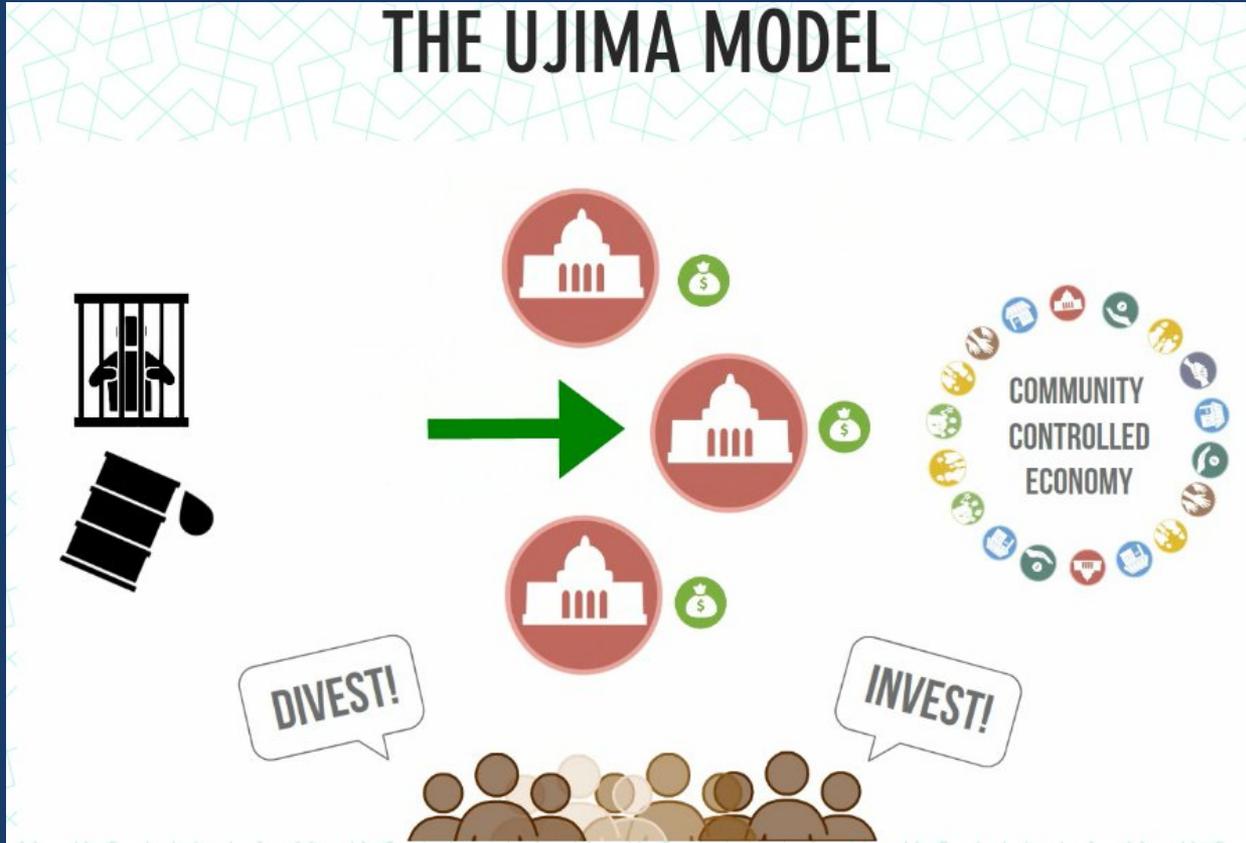




PLATFORM CO-OP DEVELOPMENT KIT

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The Solidarity Economy





International Workers' Economy Network sponsored the North, Central American and Caribbean Region's 3rd Meeting in CDMX

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2017



Greater Boston Chamber of Cooperatives goes to city hall to make it easier to incorporate as a cooperative - and we win!

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DIABOLIX

Guilty But Insane



Channel 1 presents:

Graphic Audio



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DECAF from Boston, MA

Click on the image above, to start the player and see DECAF performing "147 pounds".

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E-MAIL the BAND

Agarics are members of a few networks and movements both local and global:

- The Boston Ujima Project - UjimaBoston.com
- Free Software Foundation - fsf.org
- United States Federation of Worker Cooperatives - usworker.coop
- Solidarity Economy Network - ussen.org
- Industrial Workers of the World - iww.org
- May First People Link - MayFirst.org
 - Technology and Revolution - techandrev.org
- Platform Cooperativism - platform.coop
 - The Internet of Ownership - ioo.coop
- The Center for Global Justice - www.globaljusticecenter.org
- The TechWorkerCoop - techworker.coop
- Mass MeshNet - A newly formed group in Boston

"If you have come here to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."

Lilla Watson / Aboriginal activists group, Queensland Australia, 1970s.

Resources to Stop the Digital
World of *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

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