

The Art & Science of Looking at the Future



Bay Area Community Council
Foresight Training

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Webinar #4: July 11, 2019

Imagining the Futures of BACC

April 11th

**Foresight Foundations
& Scanning for Signals**

May 9th

**Turning Signals
into Stories
(Futures Wheel)**

June 13th

**Exploring
Future Worlds
(Scenarios)**

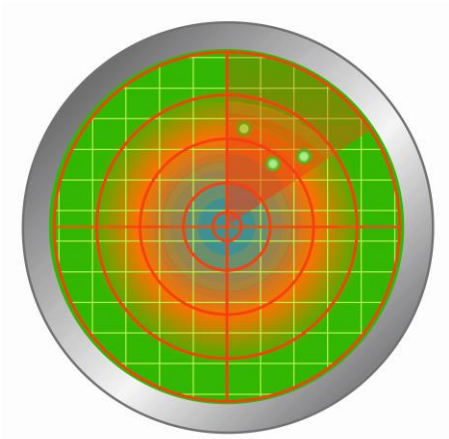
July 11th + August 8th

**Arriving at our
Preferred Future
for BACC**



Resources

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***Sharing Signals &
Scanning Review***



***Explore
Themes***



***Framework
Forecasting***

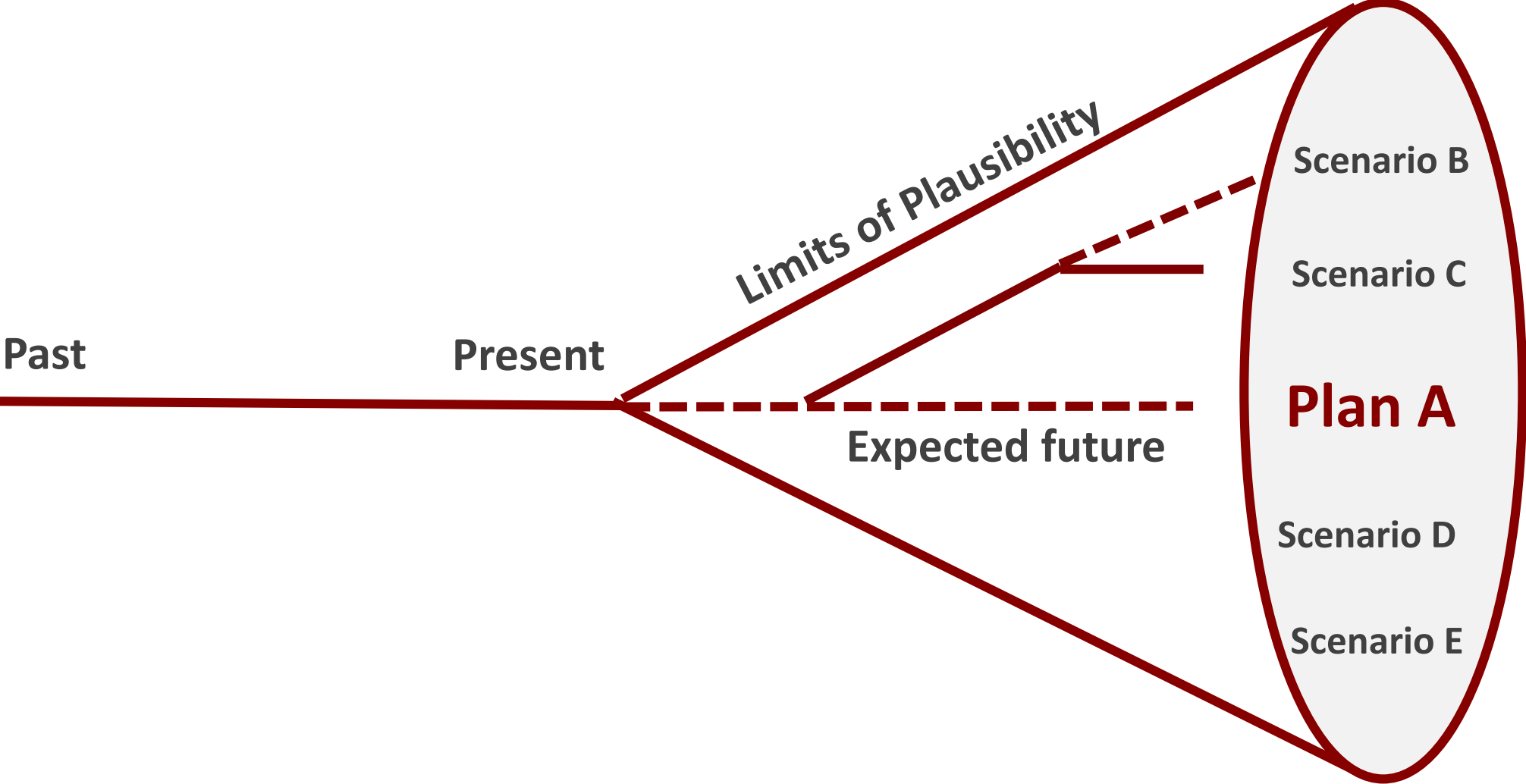
Three Point of Views on Change

Our ability to have ...

- Hindsight
- Insight
- Foresight... the ability to anticipate and lead change**

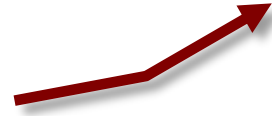
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Multiple Outcomes, Multiple Time Horizons



Foresight 101: Mechanisms of Change

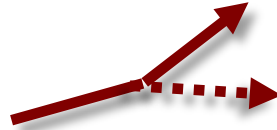
Trends
(Continuities)



Plausible
Future

Forecasts

Events
(Discontinuities)



Possible
Futures

Scenarios

Choices
(Discontinuities)



Preferred
Future

Visions

Spreading Foresight Across the Region

Value of Process

(Tools, Techniques, Behaviors)

Value of Content

(Domain expertise; Knowledge)



**The Foundation is
Scanning for Signals of Change**

Foresight Stages + Activities

Investigate

Identifying
& Monitoring Change

- Horizon Scanning
- Emerging Issues Analysis
- Indicator Analysis
(Leading vs Lagging)



Imagine

Exploring Implications

- Forecasts
(Trend Extrapolation)
- Scenarios
(Alternative Assumptions)



Inspire

Communicating the
Need for Change

- Visioning & Backcasting
- Planning, Goal Setting & Roadmapping
- Transformation Management



Why Build a Habit in Scanning for Signals?

Outcomes & Outputs



Information + Inspiration

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**Building Knowledge
(Framework Forecast)**

**Share recent
signals of change?**



Signals Scanning Practice
Avoiding the
Street Light Effect

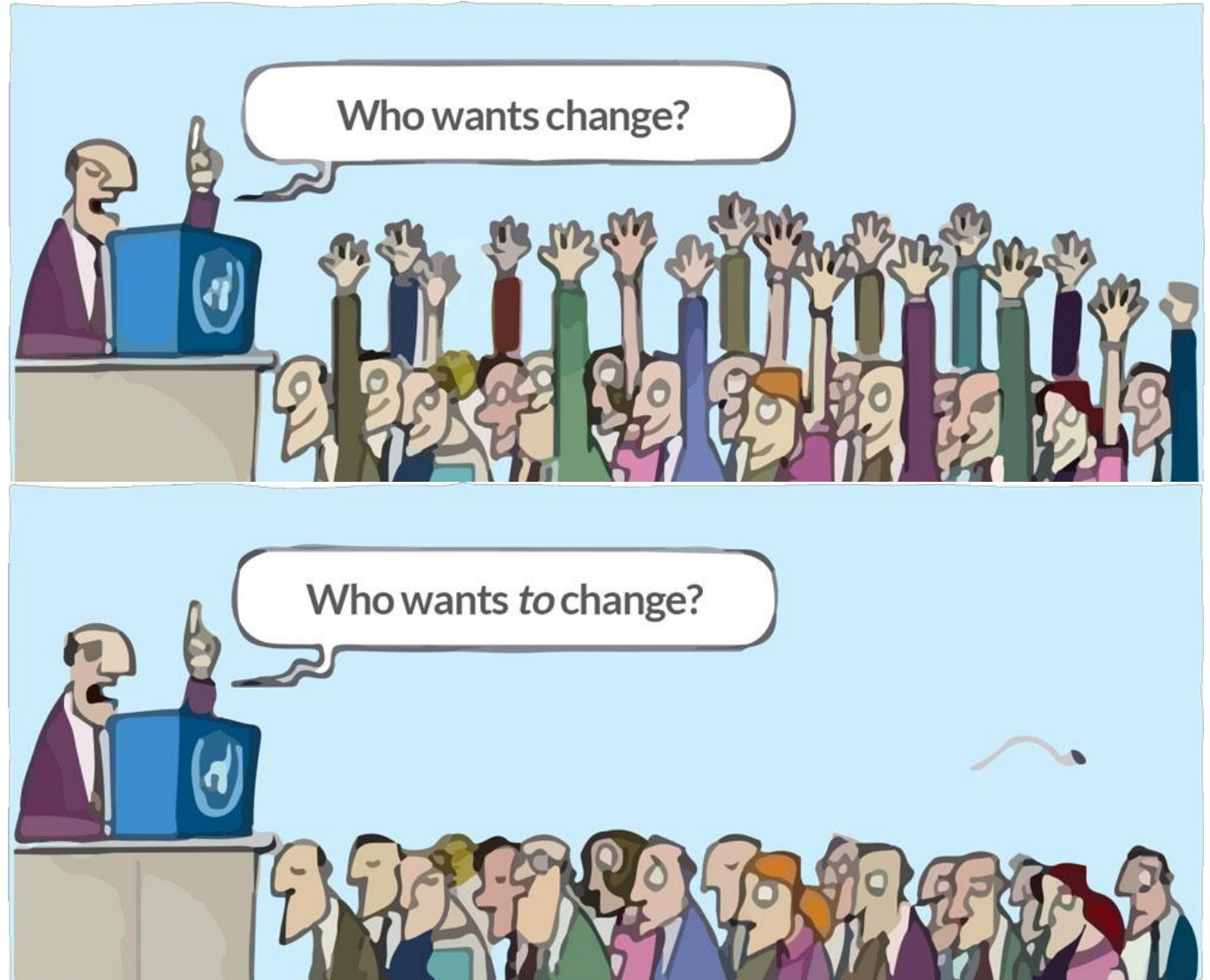


Avoiding Excessive Outsourcing

**Change Behavior
Shift Mindset**

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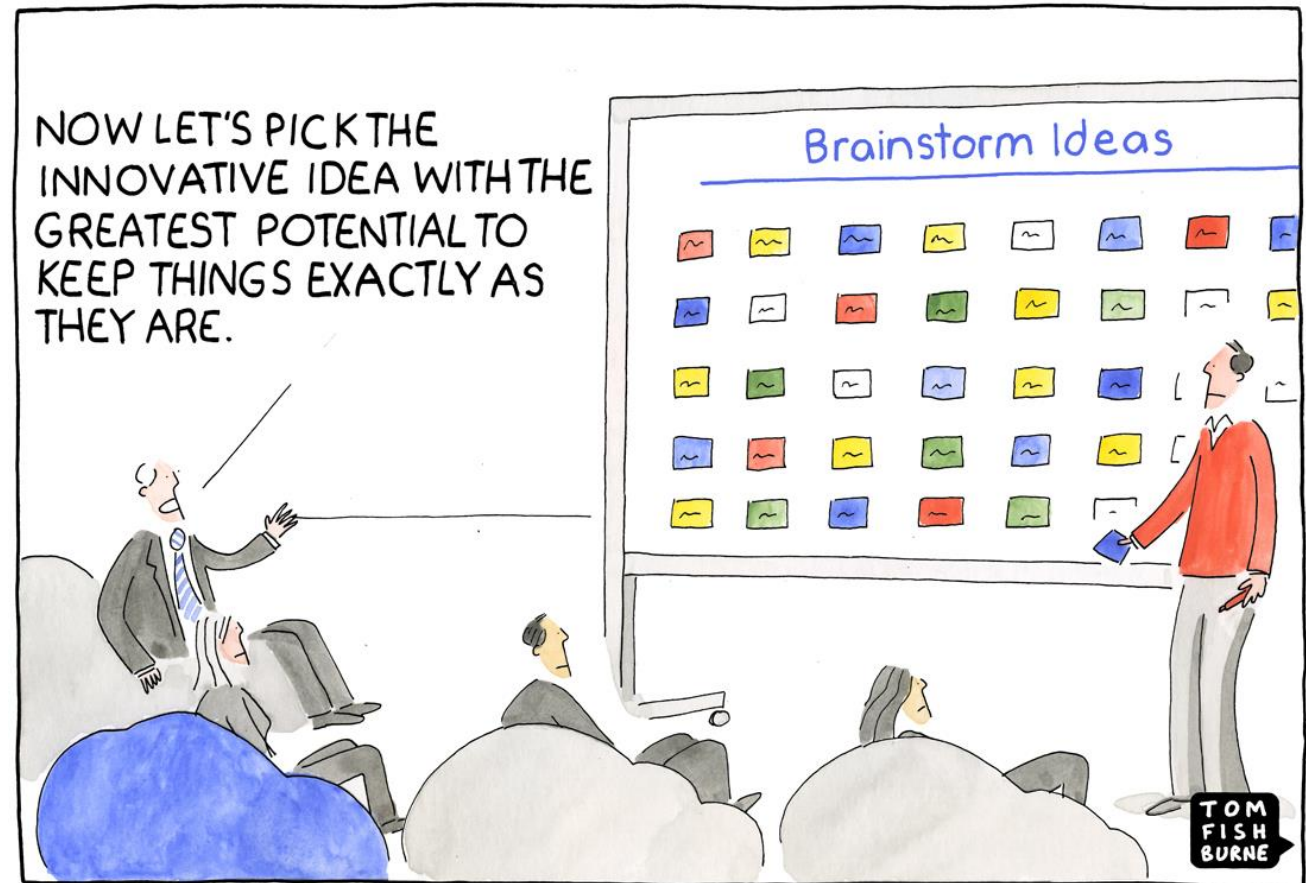
**Scanning to
*Check the Box***



The Big Picture: Potential Pitfalls

Seeing Signals
and wanting to:

- Pick the winner
- Figure out the answer
- Act right now
- Hit Home Run
- Skip over what we don't understand



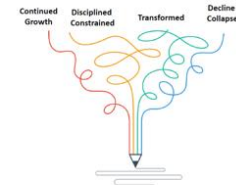
Techniques & Tools: Signals Strategy



**Expanding
Sources**



**Sharing &
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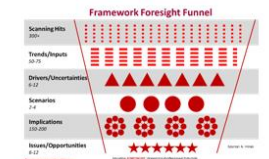
Four Futures



Futures Wheel



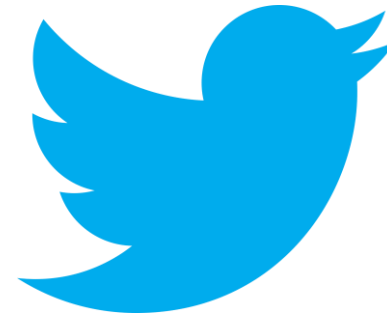
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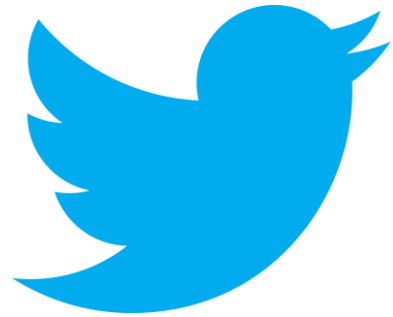


Framework Forecast

**Turning Signals
into Stories**

Why Twitter?





**Outcome:
Informed & Inspired by
following fascinating
people & conversations**

Step One: Understand the Language of Communities

#longevity

Wen Dombrowski MD MBA Retweeted



Beth Parkhill @LongevityPlanet · Apr 6

And 23 percent of boomers will eventually be without family caregivers [#longevity](#) [#aging](#) [#AgingIntoTheFuture](#) Will a combination of [#AI](#) and robots be the solution?



Andrzej Klimczuk @AndrzejKlimczuk · Apr 6

More And More #Millennials Are #Caregivers For Older #Family Members : NPR npr.org/2019/03/16/702...

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📍 Los Angeles, CA AgingintotheFuture.com 📅 Joined December 2017

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Learning the Language and Code of Thematic Conversations

Social Determinants of Health



#SDOH



Ahmed Ali @MrAhmednurAli · 39m

John Oliver exposes the sinister side of the mobile home Industry <http://ow.ly/roGg30omKxu> #sdoh



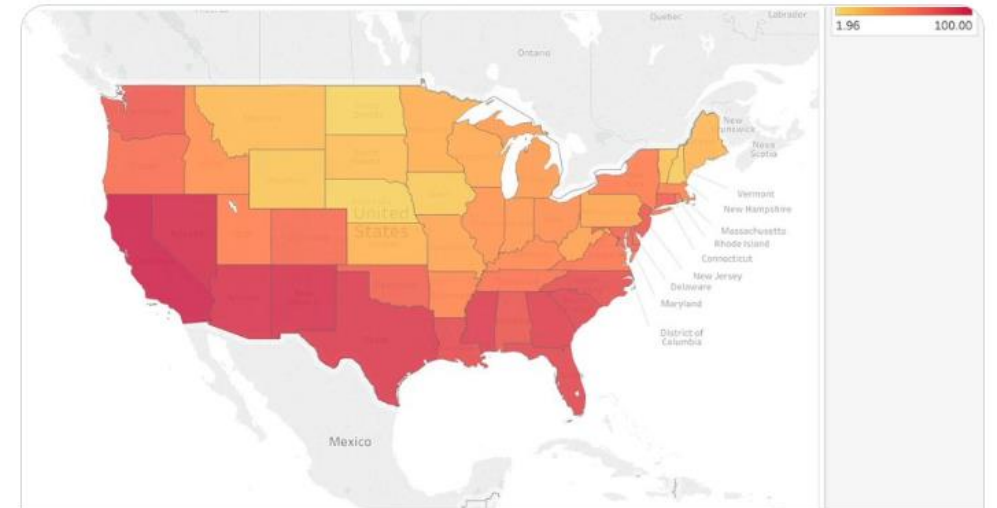
David Nace MD @DavidNaceMD · 20h

I recently co-authored a research on understanding #SDOH by calculating the social vulnerability indices (SVI) score at zip level, and using SVI to get patient level insights. Here's the report:

bit.ly/2U4icsd

#SDOHTalk

@innovaccer



From Myth to Reality - Revolutionizing Healthcare with Augmented Intelligence and Social Determin...

innovaccer.com

Learning the Language and Code of Thematic Conversations



🔍 #SDOH



Equality Health @equalityhealth · 1h

We partnered with @TAVHealthUS to present how we're addressing #SDOH and driving value-based care at the Arizona #MedicaidInnovationChallenge hosted by @AHCCCSgov along with @AH_Innovation and @CHCShealth. Watch our healthcare rebels in action here: youtu.be/nlSF0ej_F6I



Solving for Social Determinants of Health

Risk stratified and intervention-based

SCRA available through Provider, CM, CBO and Mobile App

High provider adoption
48,235 submissions

SCRA: Social and Cultural Risk Assessment



Care Coordination Outreach



Task: Understand the Language of Your Domain

Twitter Tips: Lists Help Manage Chaos & Communities

List URL  <https://twitter.com/garrygolden/lists>

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Futurist w/ real clients. Tweets: Energy,
Transportation, Learning, Crypto,
Demographics, Deep Time, Art

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🌐 garrygolden.com

📅 Joined April 2008

Data Analytics AI 

44 Members

govt2.0

63 Members

health+wellness

103 Members



Google Alerts: Keywords

- 1) Go to: google.com/alerts
- 2) Enter Series of Keywords



Alerts
Monitor the web for interesting new content

🔍 Create an alert about...

My alerts (19) ⚙️

"Garry Golden"	✎	🗑
automation expertise	✎	🗑
blockchain	✎	🗑
ethereum	✎	🗑
expert automation	✎	🗑
expert automation healthcare	✎	🗑
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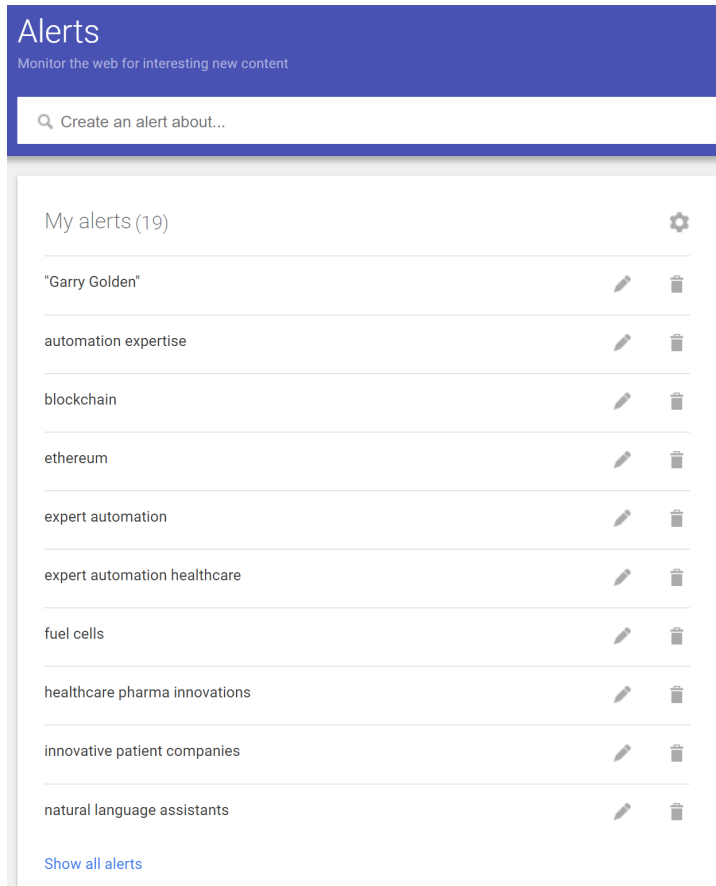
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- 3) Choose Delivery Time vs. Digest to Manage Flows

Delivery time
Choose when to receive your alerts.

Digest
Receive all alerts in a single email.

[CANCEL](#) [SAVE](#)



Tips for Getting Started

- Start with Ten Keywords
(Test variations;
Delete Ineffective Keywords)
- Start with Digest Mode
- Create a Gmail Folder to
Avoid Crowding Inbox
- Yes, Google is Watching



Samson Williams

Problem Solving Educator: Fintech | Blockchain | Crowdfunding | Humans
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Where is the future of lawyering, in a **#decentralized** ecosystem? Some quick thoughts from **Lewis Cohen**, while at **#Consensus2018**. Checkout what he has to say about how **#blockchain** and entrepreneurship are shaping the future of law practice in **Angela Angelovska-Wilson's** new law firm **www.DLXLaw.com** (we all know whose really in charge).

Maureen L. Murat, Esq. DLX has a office in DC and NYC. You should connect with Angela if you haven't already.

Paras Kale Constantin Kogan Elena Merzhanova Sushil Singh CPA (Aust.)
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Tool:
Organizing Your Signals

The logo for diigo, featuring the word "diigo" in a lowercase, blue, sans-serif font. The letter 'i' has a dot, and the 'g' has a curved tail.

'Tagging'
'Social Bookmarks'



Collect & Share Signals as Social Bookmarks

The screenshot shows the Diigo search interface for the hashtag #energy. The search bar at the top contains "#energy" and has a search icon on the left and a close icon on the right. To the right of the search bar are the options "Collapse All" and "Bulk Edit". Below the search bar, the results are displayed on "Page 1 of 4865 results for '#energy'". There are two dropdown menus: "Filter Privacy" and "Date Updated". The results list includes:

- First US wind-solar-storage site unveiled | Windpower Monthly** (4 hours ago). Tags: wind, news, energy, policy, energy+storage, milestone.
- https://www.worldenergy.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/02/WEC-Netherlands-Hydrog...** (2 days ago). Tags: report, 2019, netherlands, hydrogen, dutch, energy, policy, plans.
- OpenMod Initiative (@openmod) | Twitter** (Feb 17, 2019). Tags: twitter, energy, data, open+source, opendata.
- Sky Scenario | Shell Global** (Feb 15, 2019). Tags: Shell, Sky, scenario, toread, energy, policy, future.

Social Bookmarking allows you to automate and archive your efforts so you can review them all together under common keywords – and share with colleagues.

Diigo help you avoid having to remember where you read something—simply get into the habit of tagging relevant website, videos, and reports that you find along the way.

With practice the ‘tagging’ of a web browser based signal (news story, video, PDF, et al) should take five (5) seconds to filter and archive with three tags.



Nielsen Auto Cloud a Dream for Driving Change Among Marketers



Automotive marketing for audio media has just taken a major leap forward. It was announced in early November that the Nielsen [Auto Cloud](#) -- the new standard in auto marketing, data and measurement capabilities -- has been licensed by both [Westwood One](#), which reaches 245 million weekly listeners across America, and [Panoply Media](#), leaders in podcast marketing and technology. For marketers this means access to a vast new range of data backed by a powerful marketing and measurement technology. This enables auto brands and their agencies to generate high-reach, high-engagement audio interactions with actual car buyers.

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Nielsen Auto Cloud a Dream for Driving Change Among Marketers | MediaVillage

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Task: Create Set of 'Tags' for Your Team & Domain

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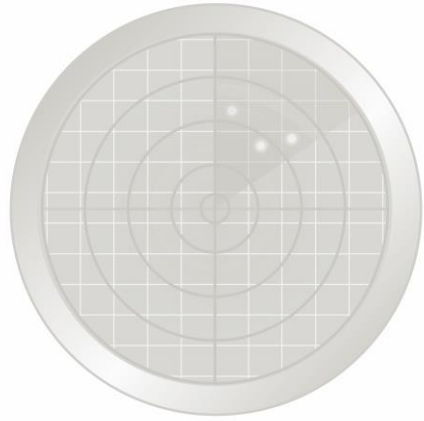
Questions on Scanning Practice?



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Challenges of Talking About *the Future*

Addressing Foundations



Purpose, Happiness vs Helplessness



Self-Work on Equity & Justice



Imperative of Being Local

Feeling 'Futuristic'



Techno-Solutions



Empowered Self

Globalization



Growth



Governance & Civic Culture

Civil discourse, Cultural competency,
Civic participation, Diversity,
Immigration, Volunteerism, NIMBY,
Government collaboration &
merger, Tax and fee systems,
Community think tanks like BACC



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Inquiry into the Civic Role of Arts Organisations ⓘ

May 28, 2019 ⓘ

civicroleartsinquiry.gulbenkian.org.uk UK civic arts community social+change

The Laundromat Project – Make Art. Build Community. Create Change. ⓘ

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laundromatproject.org project art nyc community civic

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Garry's Diigo 'tags' (keywords)

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Nuanced Search Terms like:

DEI (Diversity, Equity & Inclusion)

Cultural Organizing Needed for Equity: A Framework of Belonging

“Belonging,” powell adds, “is communicated through structures, culture and personal interactions.”

And while powell’s formulation might seem abstract, the real-world applications of the approach can be profound. For instance, at such universities as [Stanford and the University of Texas-Austin](#), which, powell explained, have adopted a “belonging” framework, the percentage of black students who earn GPAs in the top quarter of their class tripled. The black-white achievement gap in terms of GPA was cut in half, and the number of health visits by black students fell.



A PROJECT INITIATED BY



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WHAT IS THE CIVIC ROLE OF ARTS ORGANISATIONS?

ABOUT THE INQUIRY

The Inquiry seeks to increase awareness of the civic role that arts organisations play nationally and in their communities. Through research and consultation we want to develop understanding of what constitutes 'next practice' and create a movement of organisations committed to demonstrating it.

[Find out more](#) →



Community of Choice

Public safety, crime & emergency response, Balanced neighborhoods (live/work, access to housing and services), Transportation (ride hailing, driverless vehicles, transit), Recreation, Communication (broadband, fiber optic & 5G), Lifestyle preferences



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"1 in 10 Americans lives in one of just seven counties."

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Defining the role of government in the new mobility ecosystem

“New mobility” is a term that is sweeping the globe and a concept that is revolutionising how people get from point A to point B and everywhere in between. It is the convergence of mobility on demand (MOD), Mobility-as-a-Service (MaaS) and transportation demand management (TDM) and it means big changes for governments and transit agencies.



By [Jean Ruestman](#) -
[Michigan Department of
Transport](#)

4 June 2019

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Buffalo and Lafayette lead the way in form-based codes

The cities represent the versatility of recent codes that replace conventional zoning.

ROBERT STEUTEVILLE JUN. 18, 2019

The winners show the versatility of form-based codes (FBCs) and the impact they are having on diverse American communities, from major cities to small towns. The three codes were adopted from 2015 to 2018. The Green Code covers all of Buffalo, New York, a traditional city with a population of 256,000. Lafayette's code covers downtown, the traditional heart of the Louisiana city of 127,000. Canton is a town in northwestern Connecticut with a population of 8,800, and the code addresses development along a suburban commercial corridor linking established village centers.

FBCs are being adopted to retain unique community character and encourage predictable, walkable development that supports life's daily needs. Distinct from conventional codes that separate uses, FBCs promote investment that connects communities through mixed-use neighborhoods. "Identifying, encouraging, and celebrating a sense of place has been a guiding force of my philanthropy for nearly three decades," notes Richard H. Driehaus, whose charitable trust funds the awards. "By going back to a time-honored notion of coding to make a community livable by integrating form and purpose, these winners have both beautified and enlivened their cities."

Health & Wellness

Aging population, Social isolation, Transportation (transit, driverless vehicles, walkable, bikeable), Healthcare (access, quality and cost), Lifestyle and nutrition (choices and availability), Medical technology, Environmental health effects (i.e. water & air quality)



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4 grocers that are turning stores into destinations

E-commerce sales may be growing, but the store is still the core asset for many retailers. Here's how a few are making their locations into more than just a weekly shop.

ShopRite's Wellness Center

In its Morristown, New Jersey store, ShopRite wanted to create a community hub and lifestyle center where shoppers could regularly gather, said Fischer. What resulted was the Village Food Garden Wellness Center, which opened in 2013. The wellness center includes free registered dietitian services, a full service pharmacy, a learning space for children and a fitness studio.

The fitness studio costs \$25 a month, significantly lower than most gym memberships, and features classes like Zumba, yoga, barre and circuit training, along with invitations to special events and discounts at ShopRite's juice bar and for its catering service.



Credit: Photo by Erik Brolin on Unsplash


Gelson's Markets Sip 'N Shop

Gelson's in-store wine bars have become a regular draw for customers. Starting two years ago, the Southern California grocer gave these shoppers another reason to stop by with Sip 'N Shop, a service that lets customers relax at the bar while a store associate does all the shopping.



Life Plan Communities Excel at Promoting Wellness Among Residents

By **Tim Mullaney** | January 23, 2019

 Mather LifeWays

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Residents of life plan communities across the United States are generally experiencing higher levels of wellbeing than older adults living in the general population.

That's according to [newly released findings](#) from The Age Well Study, conducted by Mather LifeWays Institute on Aging in partnership with Northwestern University and a variety of senior living industry organizations.

HEALTH IT, PATIENT ENGAGEMENT

Cerner launches new near-site employer health clinic network Anuva Health

The idea behind Anuva is to offer employee additional healthcare services that are accessible from multiple locations. Alongside urgent care and primary care services, Anuva clinics will offer lab work, behavioral health, health coaching health coordination and an integrated pharmacy.

By KEVIN TRUONG

Post a comment / May 16, 2019 at 7:58 PM



Pathways for Success

Barriers to success (socio-economic, aging, disability, adverse childhood experiences, mental health, social isolation, debt), Support for success (cradle to lifelong learning, access to success ladder, mentoring, living wage, collective impact strategies, youth engagement)





What would happen if hundreds of social scientists and data scientists worked together on a scientific challenge to improve the lives of disadvantaged children in the United States?

EVICTON DATA NONE

CENSUS DATA NONE

MAP LEVEL CITIES/PLACES

GREEN BAY WISCONSIN

Eviction Rate
2.46%

Evictions
489

VIEW MORE DATA

Local Economic Transformation

**Access to corporate decision makers,
Workforce recruitment & retention
(young talent, wages, career paths),
Entrepreneur support (accelerators, co-
working, capital, mentors), Productivity
through automation, Transportation
(driverless vehicles, fuel cell, electric),
Communication (Broadband, 5G),
Global digital ecosystem, Energy
(renewables, recycling)**

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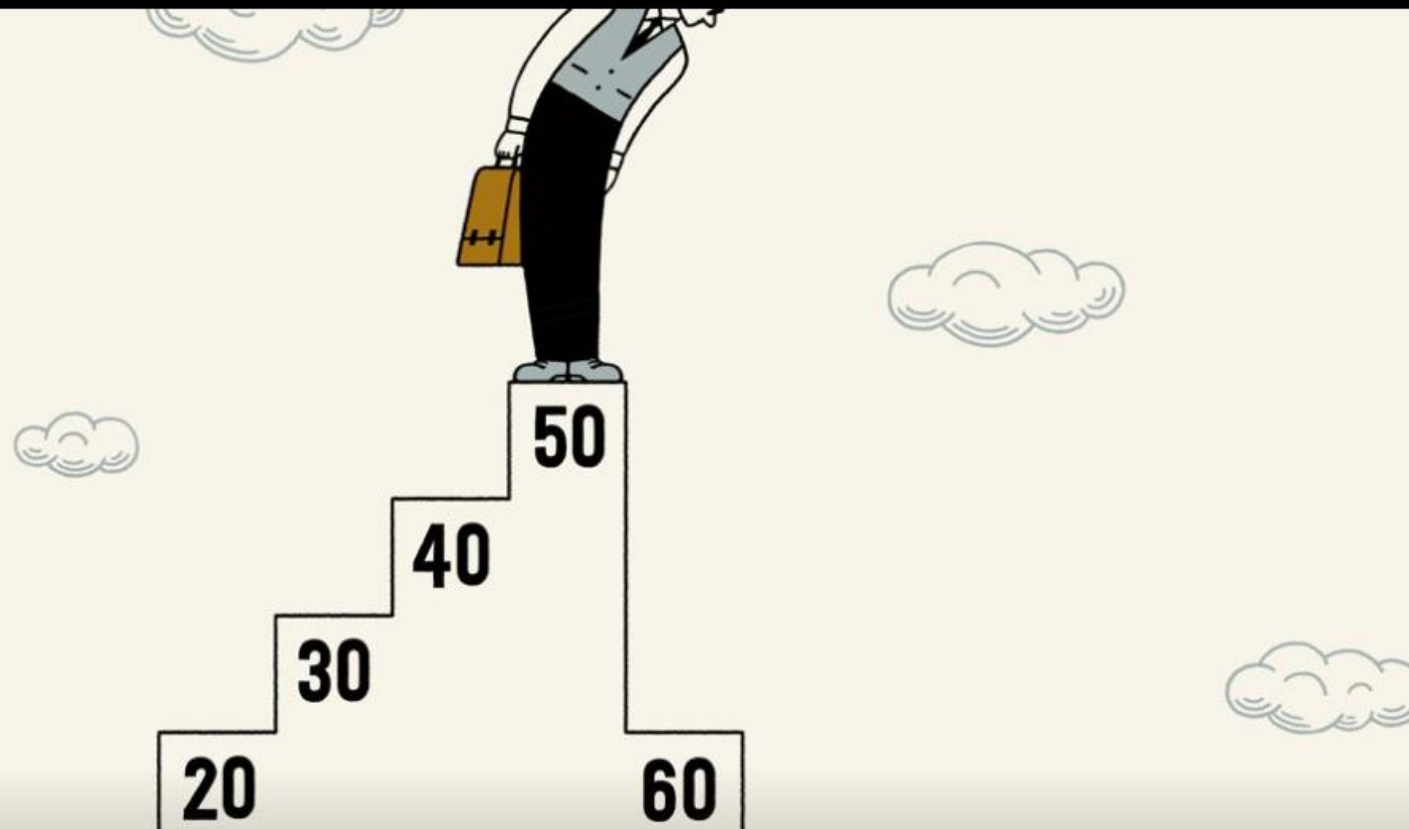
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Your Professional Decline Is Coming (Much) Sooner Than You Think

Here's how to make the most of it.



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Robots Edge Closer to Unloading Trucks in Amazon-Era Milestone

New Siemens, Honeywell devices work at least as fast as people. 'The job is miserable inside that trailer.'

By [Thomas Black](#)

May 3, 2019, 5:00 AM EDT

Why 2019 Will Be The Year Of The Manufacturing Platform



Michael Mandel Contributor ⓘ

Manufacturing

I write about digitization of manufacturing and its economic impact

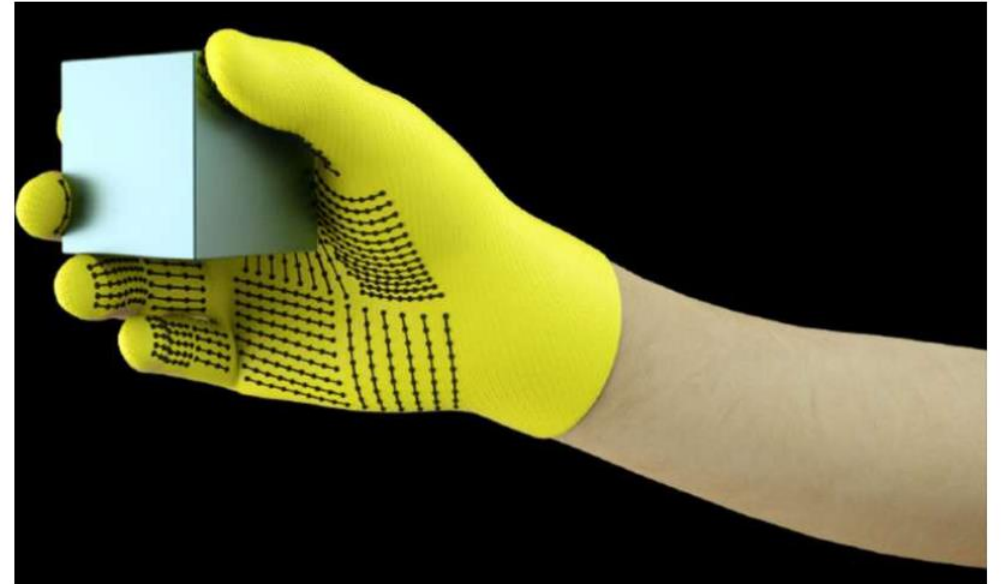
The big tech platforms get all the attention these days. But the biggest tech news of 2019 may turn out to be the rise of the manufacturing platforms—companies that rewrite the rules of production and product development, and in the process create new opportunities for local manufacturing.

The economic backdrop is the looming threat of an all-out U.S-China trade war, which places a new premium on domestic sourcing. If trade tensions

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Sensor-packed glove learns signatures of the human grasp

by Rob Matheson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

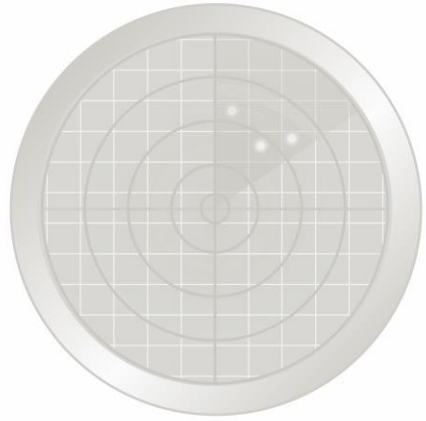


MIT researchers have developed a low-cost, sensor-packed glove tha...

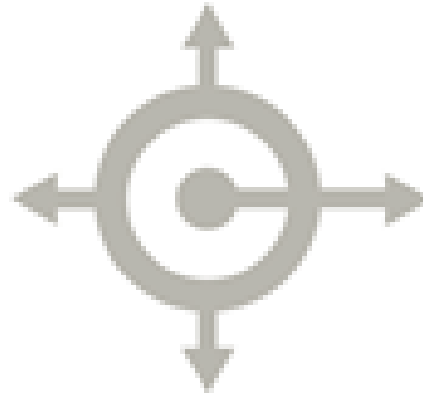
Seeing STEEP within:

- Governance & Civic Culture
- Community of Choice
- Health & Wellness
- Pathways for Success
- Local Economic Transformation





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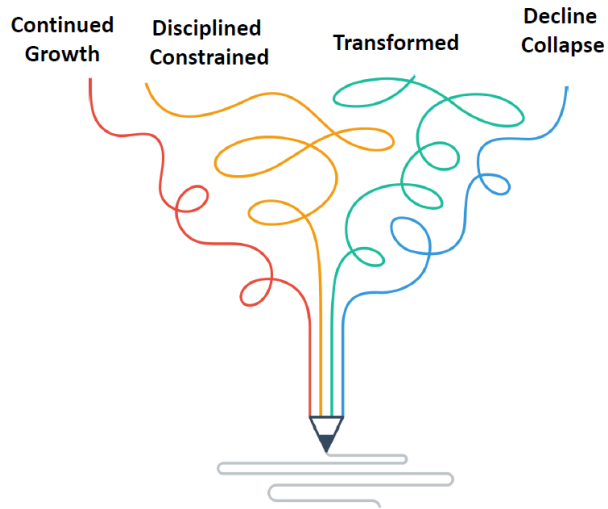


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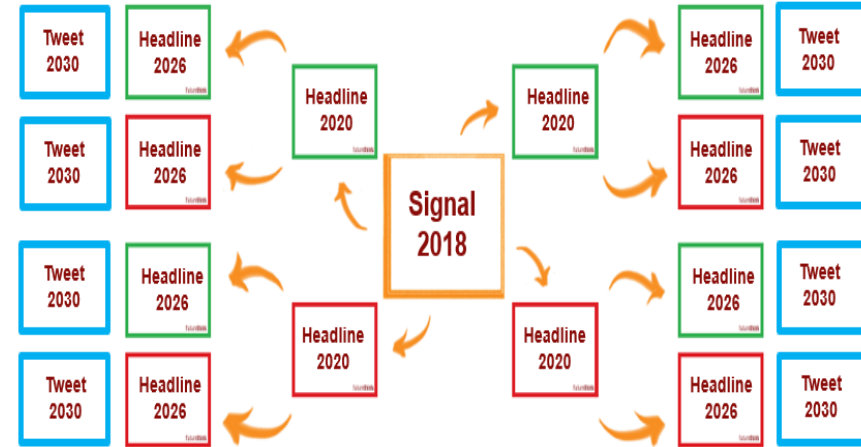


***Framework
Forecasting***

Turning Signals into Stories



Four Futures



Futures Wheel

Millennials + Business

By 2020, the global population of Millennials (born between 1981 and 1996) is expected to reach 2.56 billion.

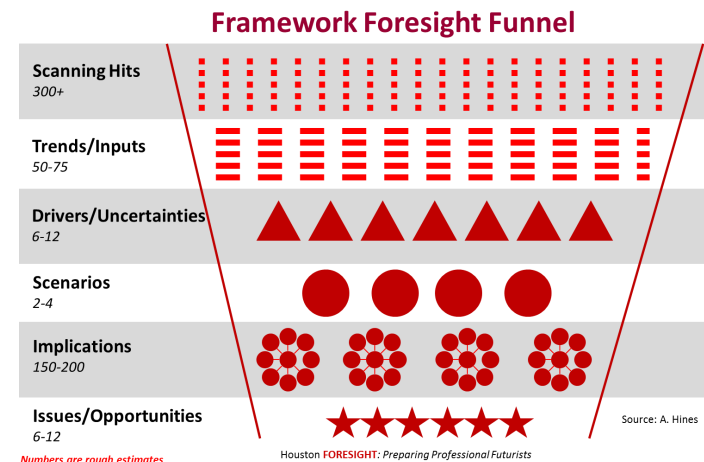
- Millennials are typically defined as those born after 1980 and before the year 2000. They will soon become the majority adult population in the US.
- Millennials will gain control over consumer and discretionary spending as they shift into household formation years (starting families, buying homes).
- A Visa survey estimates Millennials will earn US \$3.2 trillion annually by 2018—surpassing plateauing Baby Boomer workforce.
- Small business ownership rates among Millennials remains low at 2.9% but the generation shows high terms of aspirations and self-identity compared to Baby Boomers and Gen Xers.

Industrial Internet

Industrial Internet refers to the growing ecosystem of connected devices, advanced analytics and human performance support.

- Business leaders across various industries now speak of growth strategies around 'The Internet of Things' and machine-to-machine platforms that automate information flows and command instructions from networked information.
- International Data Corporation expects the global IoT market to grow to more than \$1.7 trillion by 2020 driven by trends in connected homes, vehicles and wearable distribution centers.
- IBM estimates the global number of connected devices managed by utilities will be 1.53 billion by 2020.

Trend Card Poker

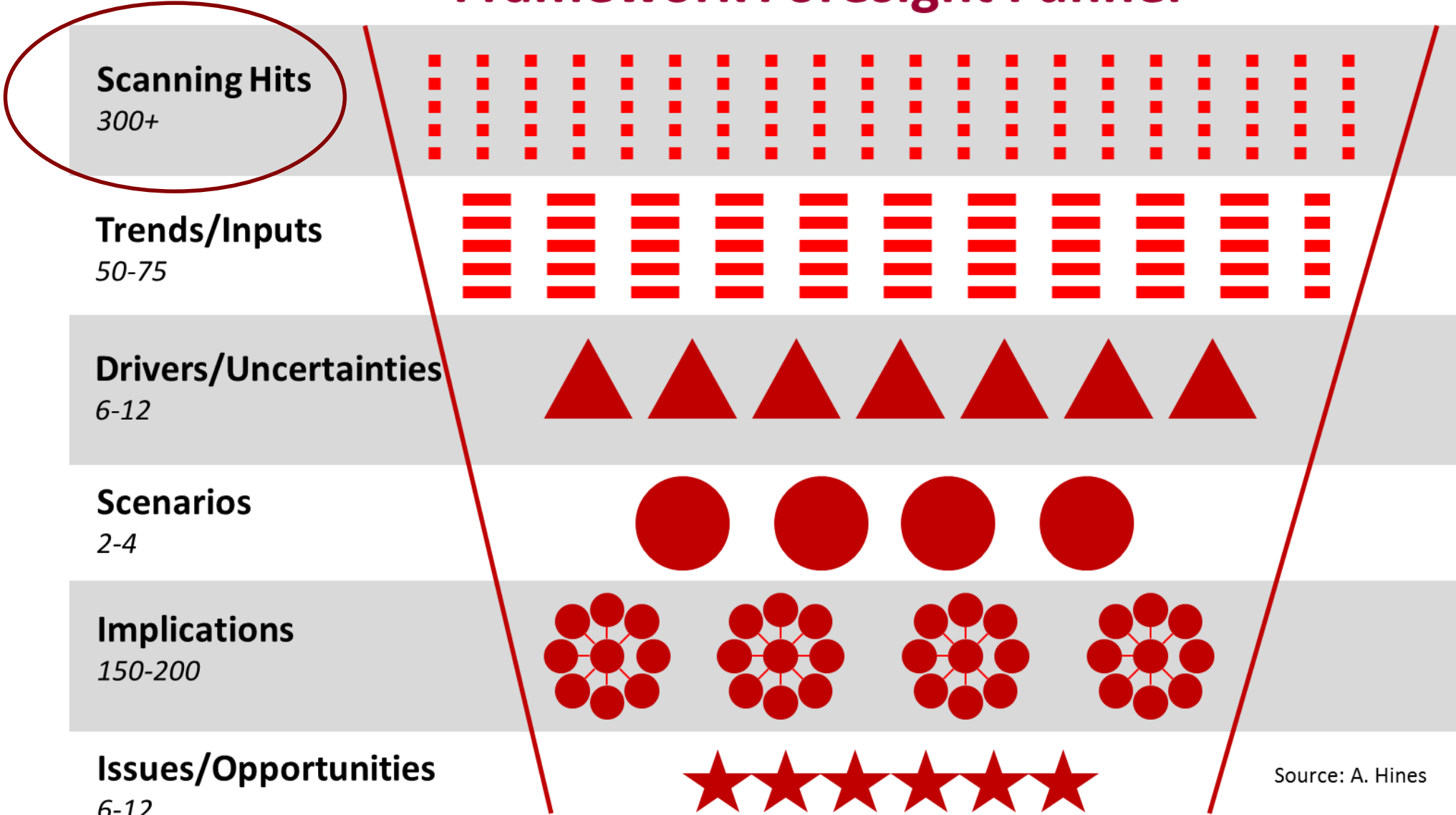


Numbers are rough estimates

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Framework Forecast

Framework Foresight Funnel



Scanning Hits

300+

Trends/Inputs

50-75

Drivers/Uncertainties

6-12

Scenarios

2-4

Implications

150-200

Issues/Opportunities

6-12

Numbers are rough estimates

Source: A. Hines

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Hinesight
For foresight, use Hinesight



Why Build a Habit in Scanning for Signals?

Outcomes & Outputs



Information + Inspiration



**Building Knowledge
(Framework Forecast)**

Research Tool: Develop Framework Forecasts on Key Themes of Change



Framework foresight: Exploring futures the Houston way

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ABSTRACT

Over the last several years, the University of Houston developed and codified a method for teaching students how to carry out foresight projects. This development represented a philosophical shift from a neutral presentation of methods without particular advocacy for one or the other. The challenge that this neutral approach presented is that each method is somewhat different and especially for those new to foresight, it became challenging to find common ground, distinguish them, or to know when to use one or the other. Our experience is that our initial wariness of promoting a standard method and thus a "one-right-way" of doing foresight proved unfounded. Not only does it not detract from the teaching of other methods, in fact it has made it easier. Framework Foresight was deliberately built to accommodate and incorporate other methods and approaches. It provides a basis of comparison of how various practitioners and methods do the work, enabling them to assess the strengths and weaknesses of each. Framework Foresight thus could be viewed as a meta-method in that it is a modular approach that accommodates a substitution of, or supplementation from, other methods or techniques at various steps. As students became practitioners and used the method in their practice, they have provided useful feedback and have generally reported back good results. Thus, Framework Foresight is offered to the foresight community as a method for carrying out foresight projects

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- Timeline / History
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- Key Stakeholders
- Key People to Follow
- Stated Plans
- Key Figures & Forecasts
- Trends
- Uncertainties
- Ideas (Visionary)
- Emerging Issues (Policy Questions)



Key Concepts (Glossary)

Generate a list of key concepts needed to understand this domain and gain knowledge. The list may be fundamental concept or very technical 'in the weeds' for more advanced learners.

Try to create a List of 20-30 terms

101 Level – Fundamental (Beginner Level)

- Text... (Source)
- Text... (Source)
- Text... (Source)
- Text... (Source)

201 Level – Concepts Known within the Domain (Insider Level)

- Text... (Source) |
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Timeline / History + Potential Events

How has this domain changed over time? List key milestones. Bullet point outline of the domain that has created the current conditions and landscape for stakeholders with particular attention to milestones for industry and recent discontinuities that define the past and current 'eras'.

- What happened, By whom, When/Year, (Source)
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- Potential Events – Likely milestones
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Stated Plans & Projects

List and describe publicly stated plans by stakeholders. This might include investments, partnerships, new services, et al. The list might include turnkey, funded, to be funded or aspirational plans. We want to understand stated commitments for the future.

- Plan (General), Stakeholder, Plan, Place, Investment Level, Goals, et al (Source)
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Emerging Issues

Emerging Issues are best seen as topics that require a decision in the future.

It is often framed as “Will we ... or Will we not... do xyz” (e.g. Will we permit growing of genetically modified wheat?)

- Text... (Source – if applicable)
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- Text... (Source – if applicable)

Uncertainties

Closely related to Emerging Issues. Highlight the uncertainties associated with this domain.

What are the biggest uncertainties? What is unknown today but might have clarity in the future?

- Text... (Source – if applicable)
- Text... (Source – if applicable)
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BACC Decision:

- Desirable?**
- Doable?**
- Tools?**

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