**Technology and Inequality**

(00:00 to 14:31)

1. What similarities and differences does George Packer see between the Santa Clara Valley of his youth and Silicon Valley today?

2. What is his critique of the Silicon Valley worldview?

3. How do you feel about Peter Thiel and his philosophy? Is his concern with life extension reasonable? How does *"death is an ideology"* sound to you?

4. Comment on these observations by Thiel:

*"The internet is a net plus, but not a big one."*

*"I don't consider [the iPhone] to be a technological breakthrough."*

5. What does George Packer conclude about the effect of digital technology on the standard of living?

6. According to Packer, how does Thiel differ from younger entrepreneurs? How has Mark Zuckerberg tried to change Silicon Valley's relationship with government? Are the aims of fwd.us clear to you?

7. According to Ben Horowitz, the prevailing mindset in Silicon Valley is an engineering mindset. What does George Packer say about the consequences of this?




8. In your opinion, does the tech mentality necessarily lead towards the political values of Conservatism?