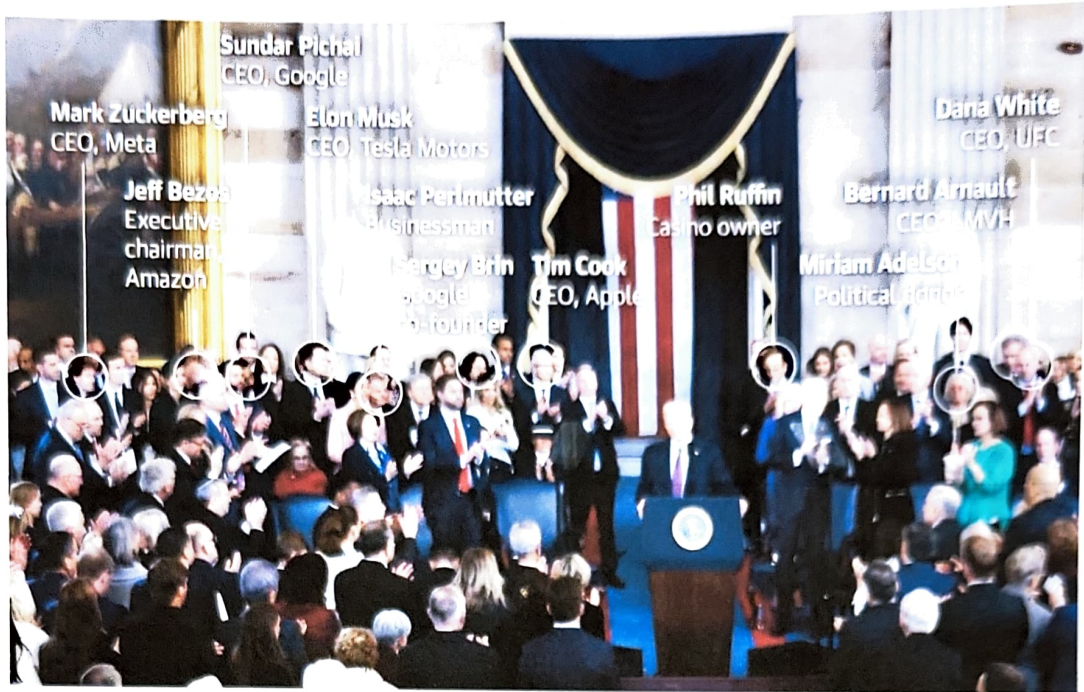




Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jan/20/trump-inauguration-tech-executives>

Image taken during the inauguration of Donald Trump as the 47th president of the United States took place on Monday, January 20, 2025.

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Task:

Define the term **technoautocracy** / **techno-authoritarianism** and briefly elaborate on the danger for democracy it entails.

The term "technoautocracy" refers to a recent phenomenon also known as ~~("oligarchy")~~ "briogarchy" (as in "oligarchy ruled by Tech-bros"). That could only be described as the cooperation between big Tech companies and the government, most notably in the USA. This "partnership" consists of the combination of governmental power ^(and) the public influence exerted by organizations such as Facebook, and generally operates without explicit public acknowledgement. This ~~(partnership)~~ poses a threat not only to individuals, but to democracy itself, considering that such companies could use all information and data collected from the ~~(entire)~~ population in favor of influencing elections and/or public opinions, for instance. This would potentially lead to ~~(a)~~ the concretization of the idea

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B. Composition:

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„Change is scientific, 'progress' is ethical. Change is indubitable whereas progress is a matter of controversy." - *Bertrand Russell*

"Science is a super power, but without a humanitarian heart to guide it in the right direction, it always ends up doing more harm than good." - *Abhijit Naskar*

"Without ethics, everything happens as if we were all five billion passengers on a big machinery and nobody is driving the machinery. And it's going faster and faster, but we don't know where."
– *Jaques-Ives Cousteau*

Task:

Comment if humanity should use beneficial scientific innovations regardless of moral or ethical concerns. Refer to one of the quotes above and to the presentations in class as examples.

Use your best handwriting and leave some space on the right margin!



ALL THE BEST!

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