Progress in the Politics of Abundance

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The Scarcity Mindset is the Problem

• The zero-sum mentality is an atavistic remnant of humankind’s evolutionary origins.
• Only so much food and shelter available to our evolutionary ancestors → vicious tribal conflict for meager scraps.
• Tens of thousands of years later, our technological capacities have expanded, but the evolution of the human mind has not kept pace.
• As soon as our life circumstances brush up against the boundaries of present-day scarcity, the age-old demon of the zero-sum mentality resurfaces.
• Some scarcity is contrived; people imagine it and demonize those perceived to be responsible for it. The zero-sum mentality is the cause of polarization and acrimony in politics.
• What can help, for now: Studying economics, history, moral philosophy – this is enough for the erudite few, but unfortunately not for the polarized masses.
• What can help, soon: Electoral and political reforms – e.g., ranked-preference voting, proportional representation, hyperpluralist system instead of a two-party system.
• What can help, eventually: Genetically re-engineering humans to remove predispositions toward tribal thinking, cognitive biases, logical fallacies, zero-sum mindsets.
Overcoming the Scarcity Mindset Through Technological Advocacy

• The United States Transhumanist Party explicitly seeks to achieve a world where the futuristic technologies of radical abundance become present-day realities for as many people as possible.

• But progress in any endeavor involving human beings is never inevitable.

• Some eras – the Renaissance and the Enlightenment – catalyzed tremendous technological progress. In other eras – the Late Roman Empire and European Dark Ages – bad policies and incentives precipitated stagnation and decline.

• Transhumanists can make a vast difference by standing for techno-positive, constructive, policy-driven politics and against toxicity, tribalism, political violence, and zero-sum partisanship.

• We seek to embody our own ideals: Worldwide membership; electronic, ranked-preference voting; efforts at consensus-driven decision-making.

• However, even transhumanists are still all too human. Sometimes imperfect, incremental steps forward remain our only recourse. We need to muddle through to the Transhuman Era.
# IAmTranshuman

- **January 2019:** Integration with the Transhuman Party
- **March 2019:** #IAmTranshuman Campaign – [Video Compilation #1](#)
- **August 2019:** #IAmTranshuman Campaign – [Video Compilation #2](#)
Legislative Success in Nevada: Amendment to Assembly Bill 226

- Assembly Bill 226 (AB226), introduced by Assemblyman Skip Daly, would have prohibited most microchip implants, including voluntary implants.
- The USTP took the following measures to respond:
  - Encouraged transhumanists to offer public comments in opposition to AB226
  - Arranged for cyborg magician Anastasia Synn to testify in person in Las Vegas
  - Wrote a letter (from Justin Waters, USTP Legislative Director) to the Senate Judiciary Committee, providing multiple reasons to oppose AB226
  - Together with Anastasia Synn and the Future Grind podcast, arranged the Cyborg and Transhumanist Forum at the Nevada State Legislature on May 15, 2019
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- **Cyborg and Transhumanist Forum** – May 15, 2019: First time that an official transhumanist event was held within the halls of a State Legislature.

- Anastasia Synn, Ryan Starr, and Gennady Stolyarov II discussed emerging technologies, life extension, microchip implants, and transhumanist philosophy with tens of individuals – including legislators, lobbyists, and staff members.

- **Result**: AB226 was amended to **remove** prohibition on voluntary microchipping. Amended bill **only** prohibits coerced / required microchipping by governments, employers as a condition of employment, insurers, and bail agents.
We needed symbols to represent *transhumanism in general*, without the potential to be confused with representing any particular organization.

So we asked transhumanists to create their own symbols and share them freely with the world (public domain or Creative Commons licenses). Results can be found at [https://transhumanist-party.org/free-transhumanist-symbols/](https://transhumanist-party.org/free-transhumanist-symbols/)

The mindset of abundance in action! Use these symbols and logos as you wish!

- **TH Symbol** by Gennady Stolyarov II
- **Infinity Ankh** by Nic Nassuet
- **Uplifting Humanity (CC)** by Derek Leonard
- **Humanity and Infinity** by Christopher Wiley
- **Infinity Arrow** by Michael Murray
- **Transhuman Banner** by Zena O’Brien
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Questions?