

# 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**.





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April 25, 2019

Re: Opposition to Assembly Bill 226

Dear Chairwoman Cannizzaro, Vice Chairwoman Harris, and honorable members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

The United States Transhumanist Party – an alliance of over 1400 members who advocate for transcending the flaws and limitations of the human condition through technology and for putting science, health, and technology at the forefront of American politics – strongly urges the Senate Judiciary Committee to oppose Nevada Assembly Bill 226 because the bill violates the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the non-discrimination provision of the Affordable Care Act, the First Amendment, and the freedom to contract.

AB 226 prohibits a person from participating “in a program established by another person, if the program authorizes a person to voluntarily elect to undergo the implantation of a microchip or other permanent identification marker of any kind or nature.”

**AB 226 is a violation of the ADA because prohibiting disabled individuals safe access to microchips is denying a reasonable accommodation.** Although the bill permits microchips used for the “diagnosis, monitoring, treatment or prevention of the health condition,” this exception is too narrow because the use of an implanted microchip to unlock doors for a disabled individual is not the treatment of a health condition; it is adapting to a health condition with assistive technology. The ADA defines discrimination as “a refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services, when such accommodations may be necessary to afford such person equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling.” 42 U.S. Code § 3604. AB 226 is an unreasonable law that denies accommodations by prohibiting the technology that can improve access to all life areas.

**AB 226 is unconstitutional under the non-discrimination provision of Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.** Microchips have the potential to prevent pregnancy by delivering contraceptives; however, this technology would be prohibited under AB

226 because preventing pregnancy is not the “treatment or prevention of the health condition,” unless the Senate considers being a woman a “health condition.”

**AB 226 is a violation of the First Amendment right to freedom of speech** because it prohibits microchips used for self-expression if they transmit a radio frequency. AB 226 only permits microchips for self-expression if they are “incapable of passively or actively transmitting personal information to another device using radio frequency technology;” however, freedom of speech includes transmitting speech through a radio frequency, so this prohibition would not pass strict scrutiny. **AB 226 is also in violation of the First Amendment right to freedom of association** because it prohibits an individual from voluntarily establishing or participating in a microchip program, and this would prohibit many types of associations of people, including corporations and biohacker groups.

**AB 226 is a violation of the right to freedom of contract** because it restricts a person’s right to voluntarily establish or participate in a microchip program; consequently, this includes financial programs that would facilitate the buying and selling of good and services using a microchip. The United States Supreme Court only permits restrictions on the freedom to contract if the restriction serves a legitimate government interest; however, restricting an individual’s right to voluntarily make a financial transaction with a microchip does not serve any government interest.

For the foregoing reasons, we respectfully request the honorable members of the Senate Judiciary Committee to oppose AB 226.

Sincerely,

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# 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





# Cyborg & Transhumanist Forum

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nevada State Legislature Building

401 S Carson St, Carson City, NV 89701 (2nd Floor Atrium)



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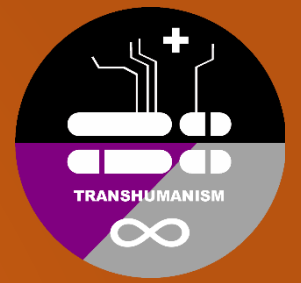
- [Cyborg and Transhumanist Forum](#) – May 15, 2019: First time that an official transhumanist event was held within the halls of a State Legislature.
- Anastasia Synn, Ryan Starr, and Gennady Stolyarov II discussed emerging technologies, life extension, microchip implants, and transhumanist philosophy 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.





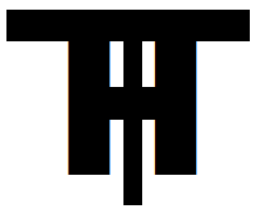
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# Free Transhumanist Symbols



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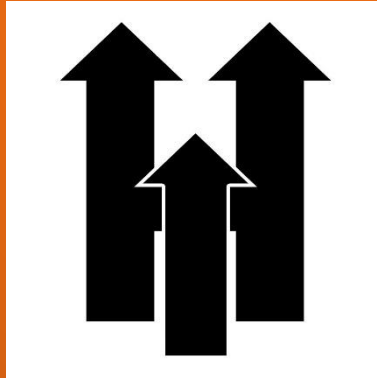
- We needed symbols to represent *transhumanism in general*, without the potential to be confused with representing any particular organization.
- So we asked transhumanists to create their own symbols and share them freely with the world (public domain or Creative Commons licenses). Results can be found at <https://transhumanist-party.org/free-transhumanist-symbols/>
- The mindset of abundance in action! Use these symbols and logos as you wish!



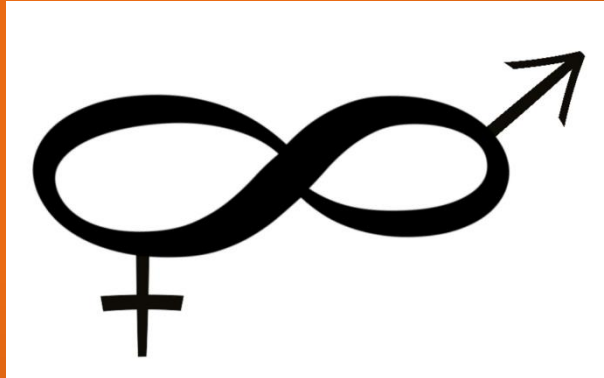
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