Public Problem Solving & People Centered Policy

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About New America

Mission

We are dedicated to renewing the *promise* of America by continuing the quest to realize our nation's highest ideals, honestly confronting the challenges caused by rapid technological and social change, and seizing the opportunities those changes create.

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History

Since 1999, New America has nurtured a new generation of policy experts and public intellectuals. Today we are a community of innovative problem-solvers, combining our core expertise in researching, reporting and analysis with new areas of coding, data science, and human-centered design to experiment and innovate nationally and globally.

Our Work

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Pioneering a new kind of think and action tank: a civic platform that connects a research institute, technology lab, solutions network, media hub and public forum.

o Generate big, bold ideas as templates for change

o Design and advance evidence-based public policies

o Surface and generate locally tested solutions to public problems through a national network of public, private, and civic partners

o Tell stories about what is happening and what is possible

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20 YEARS

200 FELLOWS

100+ BOOKS

THE BRIGHT CONTINENT — DAYO OLOPADE

THE TEACHER WARS — Dana Goldstein — A History of America's Most Embattled Profession

NO GOOD MEN AMONG THE LIVING — ANAND GOPAL

Kenny — THE UPSIDE OF DOWN — BASIC BOOKS

SHANE HARRIS — @War — The Rise of the Military-Internet Complex

THE MEAT RACKET — CHRISTOPHER LEONARD

TO SAVE EVERYTHING, CLICK Here — Evgeny Morozov — PUBLICAFFAIRS

THE INSURGENTS — FRED KAPLAN

FIVE DAYS AT MEMORIAL — SHERI FINK — CROWN

MEGAN McARDLE — The UP SIDE OF DOWN — Why Failing Well Is the Key to Success — VIKING

the smartest kids in the world — amanda ripley — SIMON & SCHUSTER

EMILY PARKER — NOW I KNOW WHO MY COMRADES ARE — SARAH CRICHTON BOOKS — FSG

THE LOUDEST VOICE IN THE ROOM — GABRIEL SHERMAN — RANDOM HOUSE

OVERWHELMED — BRIGID SCHULTE — SARAH CRICHTON BOOKS — FSG

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Partnership to Advance Youth Apprenticeship

Building a more inclusive economy by connecting the learning needs of students with the talent needs of industry.

About PAYA

Expanding youth apprenticeship is a strategy for building a more inclusive economy by connecting the learning needs of students with the talent needs of industry. The Partnership to Advance Youth Apprenticeship (PAYA) is a multi-year, collaborative initiative that will support the success of efforts in states and cities to expand access to high-quality apprenticeship opportunities for high school age youth.

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BLL Care Index

Tracking the state of care in the USA to better inform policy makers and the public about the changing nature of families and the economy

The New America Care Report proposes systemic change to the early care and learning infrastructure, including additional public and private investment in early care and learning; better training; pay and professionalization of the teaching workforce; as well as select innovative policy recommendations to help make high quality care more affordable and accessible to all families, including:

Universal paid family leave

Expanding and improving cash assistance programs

Implementing high quality universal pre-K programs

Focusing resources on programs aimed at dual-language learners

‹ Better Life Lab

The Care Index

ABOUT   OUR PEOPLE   PUBLICATIONS   EVENTS

The New America Care Report

How the child care system in America became so broken—and what we need to do to fix it.
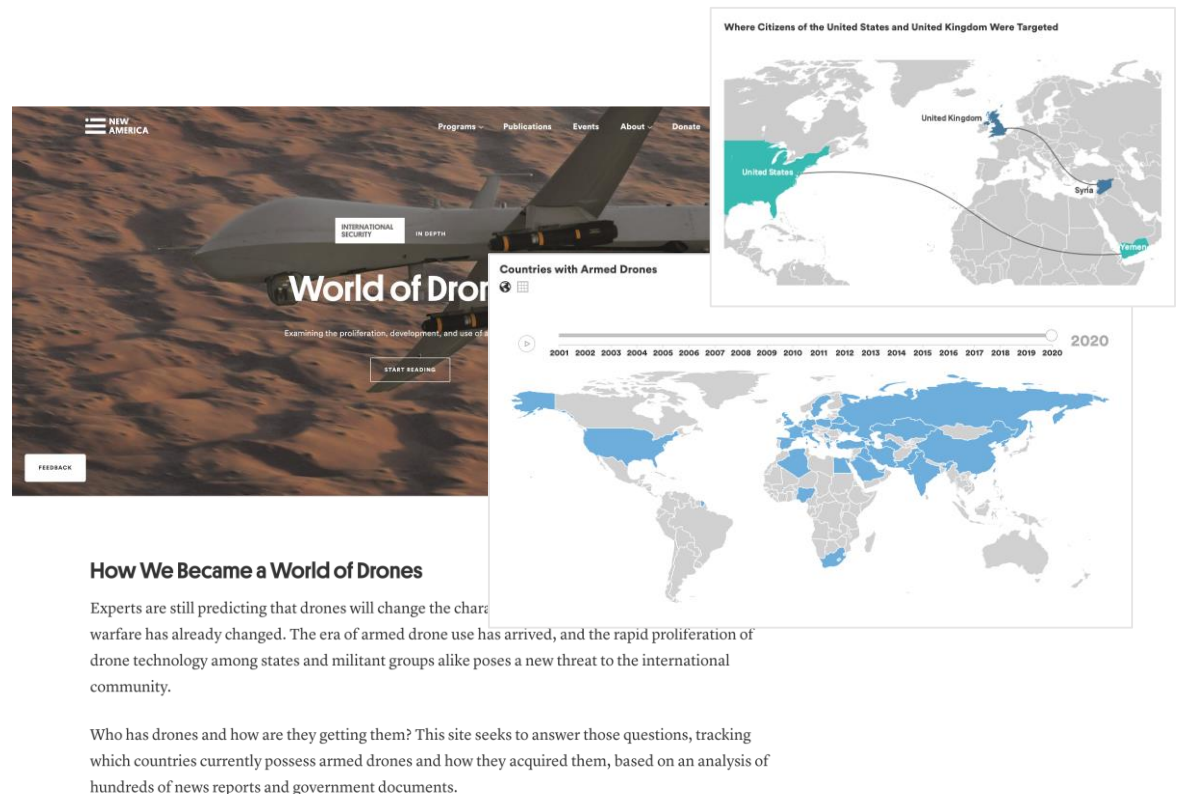
Policy Paper

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ShiftLabs

Working with
communities to
address the most
pressing questions
related to
automation
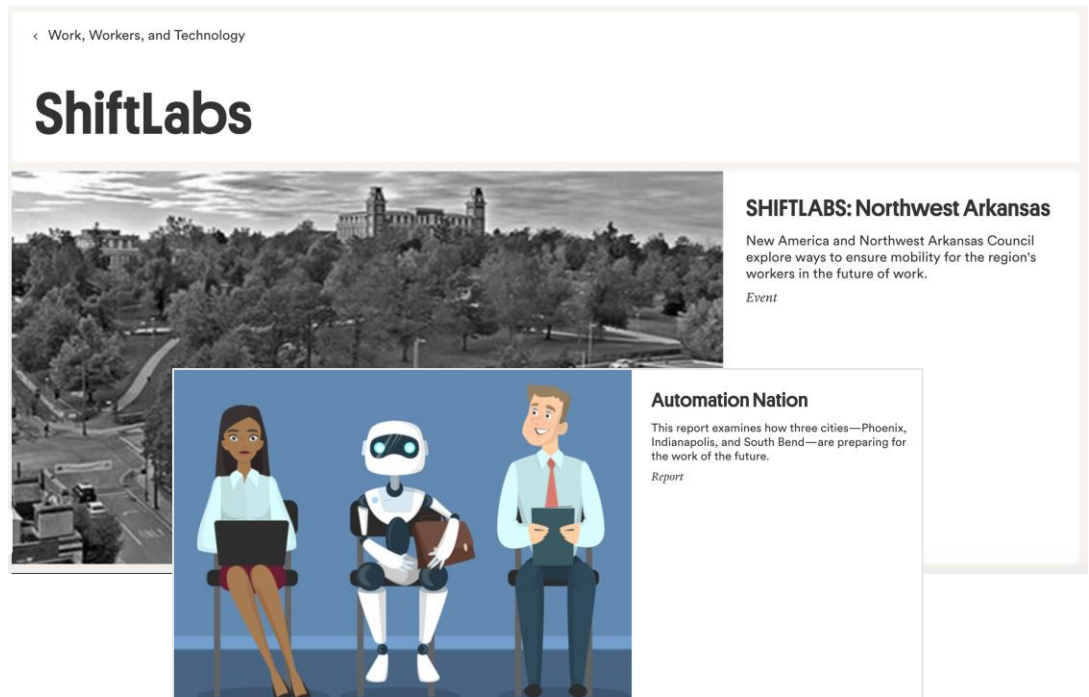
Drones Database

The most definitive database of CIA drone attacks and extra-judicial killings by the U.S. government

Public Interest Technology

Building a new field to leverage technical expertise in support of governments, nonprofits, and the people they serve

What is Public Interest Technology?

Public Interest Technology is a field dedicated to leveraging technology to support public interest organizations and the people they serve. For decades, public interest organizations have worked to improve the lives of the general public. They work on issues that shape our everyday lives, including protecting the environment, human rights, child welfare, and reforming criminal justice.

As public interest technologists, we seek ways to ensure technology allows and enables public interest organizations to best serve all people.

$3.1 Million Awarded to Grow Field of Public Interest Technology at Leading Colleges and Universities

As part of the Public Interest Technology University Network's inaugural "Network Challenge," 27 grants are being awarded to 21 colleges and universities to support new and existing programs to train a new generation of civic-minded technologists and digitally-fluent policy leaders
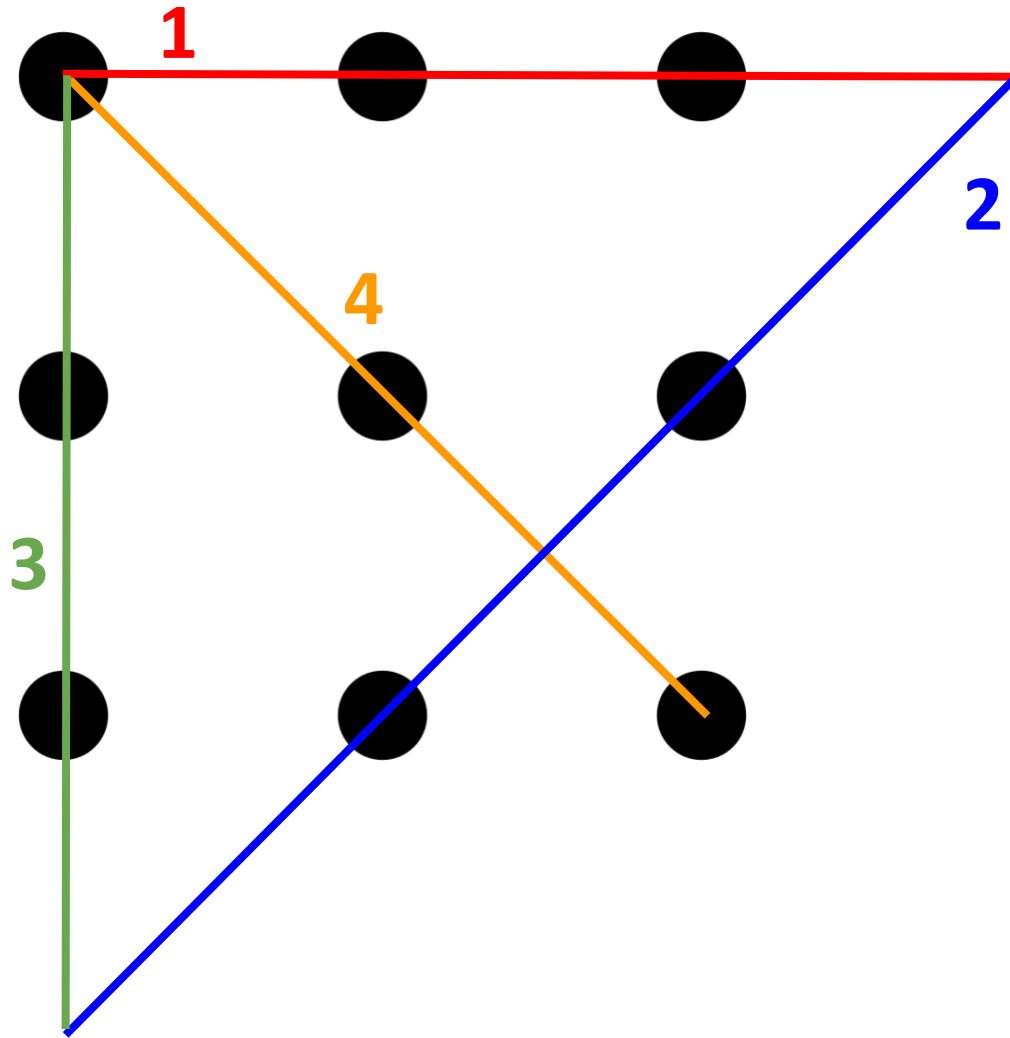
PRESS RELEASE

Rhode Island's Unconventional Approach to Foster Care

WEEKLY ARTICLE

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The Need for Innovation in Education & The New Practice that Starts with People

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The New Practice of Public Problem Solving

1. **Centering** your work on **people**
2. **Scouting** for and **experimenting** with small-scale **solutions**
3. Continually **improving** the **use of data**
4. **Designing** and **connecting** for scale

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Case Study: Built for Zero

Panelists

Irene Agustin, Director of Human Services, City of St. Louis

Dr. Yusef Scoggin, Director, Office of Family and Community Services, St. Louis County

Reflection & Discussion

Reflection

1. What did you hear this morning that resonated for you? Why?

2. What gets in the way (and that you can influence/control) of more child-centered decision making in your work?

3. How might you apply the practice framework (better)?