

OVERCOMING POLARIZATION THROUGH TRANSHUMANISM

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Polarization is Tearing Apart Civilization.

Domestic Political Polarization:

Left versus Right – Threat of Civil War

(United States was literally inches away from one on June 13, 2024.)

Geopolitical Polarization:

US/NATO versus Russia/China – Threat of (Nuclear) World War

Cultural Polarization: Division over lifestyles, skin color, gender, religion, urban/rural differences



Causes of Polarization

- **Zero-Sum Mentality:**

“For one person, organization, nation to win, others must lose.”

- **Material Scarcity:**

Middle classes are being hollowed out, standards of living are eroded by inflation, supply-chain disruptions, lingering secondary/tertiary effects of COVID.

- **Opportunistic Demagogues:** Exploit vulnerable people with genuine grievances by convincing them that some scapegoat “other” is to blame.

- **Establishment Backlash:** Power elite seeks to maintain its power by pitting one half of the population against the other half, or against a foreign adversary, thereby distracting attention from monolithic policies pursued at the top.

- **Duverger’s Law:** Winner-take-all / plurality voting systems tend to result in two dominant political parties. (More of a problem in the United States than in parliamentary democracies – but the United States exports its political culture to the rest of the world.)



Effects of Polarization

- Increasingly difficult to hold civilized conversations about differences in views on issues affecting the broader society.
- Tastes and preferences that were previously considered matters of private individual choice become signifiers of the “**red tribe**” or the “**blue tribe**”.
- People are increasingly misled into believing that there are only two options, and that they have a duty to support a “lesser evil”, even if they mostly dislike it, and to accept packages of ideas or political programs that they do not personally support.
- People are pressured by politicians and media to hate those in their families, neighborhoods, and social circles who show any of the signifiers of the “other” tribe, even inadvertently.



*Stress patterns in a glass disk caused by pressure of jaws of a C-clamp:
Photograph by Andrew Davidhazy (2009)*



Effects of Polarization

- The mentality that “**the personal is the political**” is one of the **greatest potential obstacles** to transhumanism in the future.
- Two likely groups will oppose transhumanism:
 - **Alt-right conspiracy theorists** (see transhumanism as the machinations of a nefarious global elite)
 - **Far-left militant egalitarians** (see transhumanism as “only for the rich” and leaving the rest of the people behind).
- It is important to defuse opposition from both groups before it becomes extreme and politically entrenched.
- DeSantis’s ban on lab-grown meat in Florida is a prime example of what can happen if egregious misconceptions are not addressed quickly.

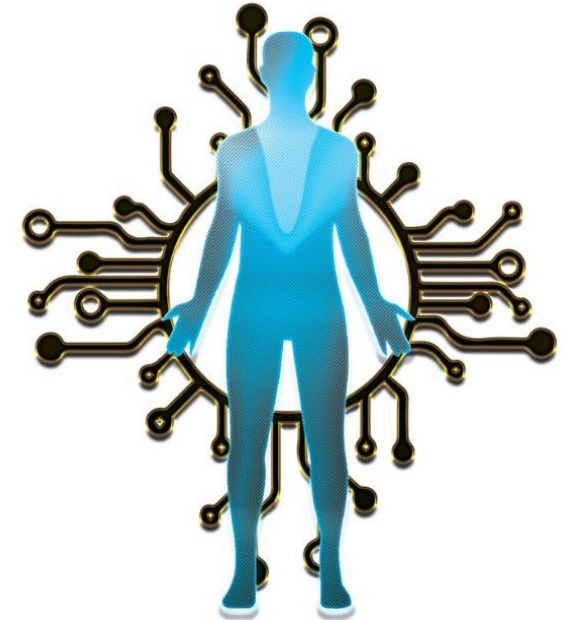


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But Transhumanism Can Also Overcome Polarization

- Not **left-wing** or **right-wing**, but **up-wing**.
- Can provide new sense of meaning and purpose, rekindle confidence in progress.
- Emphasizes goals that are in the common interests of humanity and could benefit **everyone**:
 - Radical life extension
 - Material abundance through emerging technologies of production (e.g., automation, 3D printing, molecular manufacturing)
 - Intelligence augmentation (external and internal, technological and rational)
 - Improved societal cooperation and conflict avoidance / resolution through technological and rational approaches
 - Mitigating and eliminating existential risks



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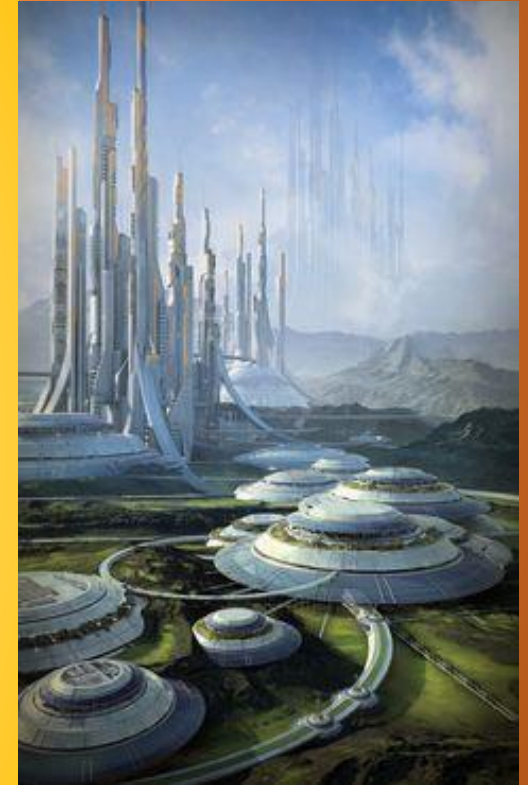
Transhumanism Symbols by Rachel Edler





Transhumanist Areas of Advancement – Removing Constraints Upon the Human Condition

- Biotechnology / Genetic Engineering / Life Extension
- Nanotechnology
- Artificial Intelligence
- Space Colonization
- Seasteading
- Vertical Farming
- Economical Alternative Energy (e.g., Solar, Geothermal, Nuclear)
- Automation of Production → Radical Abundance
- Autonomous / Electric Vehicles
- Flying Cars
- Virtual Reality / Augmented Reality
- Encryption
- Blockchain / Cryptocurrencies / Smart Contracts / Distributed Autonomous Organizations
- Ectogenesis

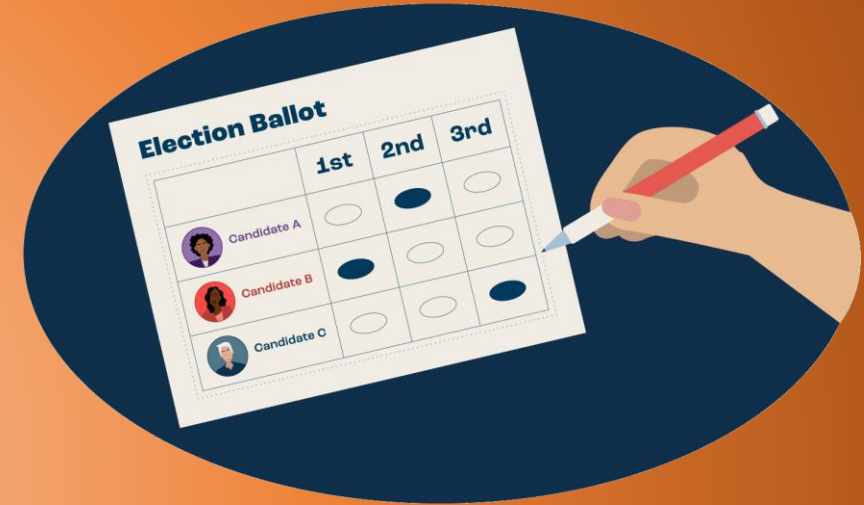


*“The 12th Colony”
by Stefan Morrell*



Beyond Inspiration, We Need Practical Action to Change the System

- Advocate for **ranked-preference / ranked-choice voting, open primaries, proportional representation.**
- Ranked-choice voting used in the United States in Maine and Alaska for most elections – also used in 45 cities, including Salt Lake City and Seattle.
- Also used by the U.S. Transhumanist Party in its internal votes.
- **Nevada Ballot Question 3** will be on the ballot for the second time in 2024 (after passing in 2022): open primaries, ranked-choice voting in the general election among top 5 candidates.
- Virtual Enlightenment Salon with FairVote Washington: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rISp3CSL5iM>
- Demonstration of Proportional Ranked-Choice Voting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hs7nRCRQ_aA



*Ranked-Choice Voting Ballot –
Image by FairVote*



An Action-Based Transhumanism: Revisiting Some Ideas from 2022

- We have many world-class thinkers but are organizationally spread thin and lacking in capacity to implement public-facing projects. **We have the correct ideas already** (at least, much better ideas than those that dominate the status quo). We need about **15 rigorously trained implementers** to work tirelessly to instantiate those ideas in highly visible ways and in a coordinated, systematic fashion. **Where to find them? How to motivate them?**
- But first we need to develop a **training program for the implementers**. Options: David Wood's Vital Syllabus, Transhuman Club educational modules, excerpts from USTP Virtual Enlightenment Salons, Transhumanist wiki(s). Broader theoretical discussions need to be integrated with analyses of current events, artistic and cultural creations, roadmaps and regular status updates on the status of various emerging technologies. **This is extremely ambitious. How soon can it be done?**
- **Some new thoughts:**
 - We will need to leverage emerging technologies, such as generative AI, to achieve this at scale, *while remaining wary of the technologies' limitations*.
 - Project-specific implementers can work quite well, but they will need reasons to champion specific projects.
 - For some projects, providing detailed lists of instructions and templates will work in attracting volunteer talent. For other projects, we will need to find people with *good judgment* and a *strong work ethic*.
 - We need to develop organizational cultures that discourage polarization over mainstream issues and immunize the organizations against propaganda from larger, far better-funded entities whose agendas stoke polarization.

LEV: The Game – An Example of an Effective Approach

Lev
2026
 Biological Age: 24
 Chronological Age: 27

Energy:7
 Energy production: **11**
 Stress Level: **Stress-free**
 Full-Time

Survival Probability:
 99.8706%
 Death Probability:
 0.1294%

Lev
Has outlived:
Mikhail Lermontov
 1814 - 1841

Next Year

- Risk-Aversion** 8

Dedicate yourself to avoiding risks, eliminating chance of death from falling, poisoning, homicide, alcohol, HIV/AIDS, drownings and drug use rest of your life.


- Nothing** 0

Procrastinate and let life whizz past this year.


- Part-Time Automation Advocacy** 5

1x effective. Dedicate this year to advocating for automation research.

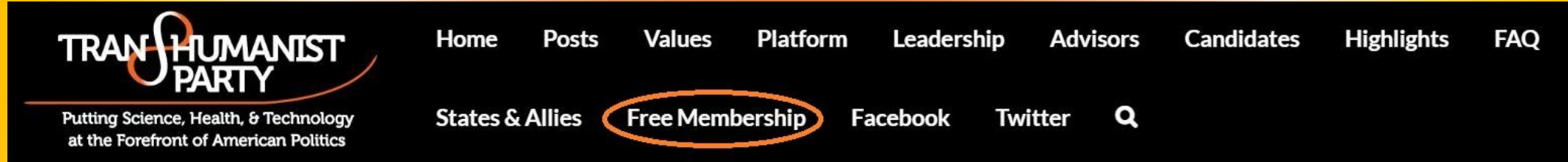


Skydiving. Probability of death this year increases by 0.001

- 2025: A new year begins!
 - Lev has outlived Romanos II, Eastern Roman Emperor (938 - 963)
 - In 2025 Lev used: Part-Time Anti-Aging Advocacy
 - Lev spent 5 energy working to earn a living.
- 2026: A new year begins!
 - In 2026, effective methods of Telomere Lengthening are discovered, and this becomes an available option.
 - Lev has outlived Mikhail Lermontov (1814 - 1841)

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The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Transhumanist Party website. On the left is the party logo, which consists of the word "TRANSHUMANIST" above "PARTY" with a stylized orange and white symbol. Below the logo is the tagline "Putting Science, Health, & Technology at the Forefront of American Politics". To the right of the logo is a horizontal menu with the following items: Home, Posts, Values, Platform, Leadership, Advisors, Candidates, Highlights, and FAQ. Below this menu is a second row of items: States & Allies, Free Membership (circled in orange), Facebook, Twitter, and a search icon.

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Transhuman Club website. At the top is a navigation bar with a logo on the left and buttons for Club, Foyer, Groups, Education, Forum, Blog, Salon, Art, Members (circled in orange), and Events. Below the navigation bar is a large central button with a person icon and the text "Sign Up/Login" (circled in orange). The main content area features the text "Welcome to the Club" in a large, white, serif font. To the left of this text is a small orange planet with a white symbol. To the right is a "Share" button with the Facebook logo. The background is a dark blue night sky with city lights and a lightning bolt.

Questions?