

Would you rather?

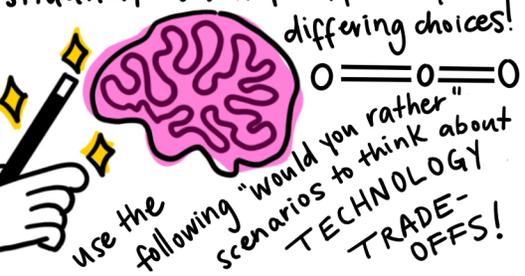
ARTICULATING TECHNOLOGY TRADEOFFS



WOULD YOU RATHER:
 always have a camera watching
 ... OR ...
 always have a microphone
 listening to you?

YIKES, neither!

This is a silly choice that you're unlikely to actually face, but coming up with an answer that you can defend pushes you to think through REAL tradeoffs.



AND when your friends choose the other answer, it can spur a fun debate about why! This is, then, a chance to articulate what you see as the key tradeoffs & how they would impact you.

Maybe you'll learn something new that changes your mind! Or maybe you'll gain a deeper understanding of your friend's situation that helps explain your differing choices!

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EXAMPLE TEMPLATES:

1. Always or never
2. Extreme opposites
3. Varying stakeholder
4. Varying the asset
5. Alter likelihood, frequency, length of impact
6. A but B or A* but B*

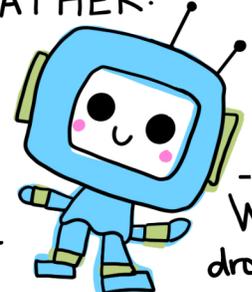
• what values, tensions, & tradeoffs came up for you with these scenarios?
 • were any too easy? try changing these or come up with your own!

WOULD YOU RATHER:
 have to live your regular life without Internet for a year
 ... OR ...
 everyone around you can read your mind for a week?

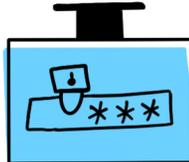
WOULD YOU RATHER:
 get a cute robot that secretly messes with your things ... OR ...



get a scary robot that does what you want?



WOULD YOU RATHER:
 your passwords are ultra secure & you never fail to remember them, but they take a long time to type (like 5 minutes!)
 ... OR ...
 you don't have to ever spend any time logging into your accounts, but they get hacked every few years?



WOULD YOU RATHER:
 Only get to see one social media post or video per day, but it's something you care about
 ... OR ...
 get unlimited social media & video content, but it's not very good?
 ... OR ...
 show all your photos & videos to your whole family
 ... OR ...
 show them to everyone at your work?



WOULD YOU RATHER:
 all of your work meetings are online from now on
 ... OR ...
 you can never use video calling again?

WOULD YOU RATHER:
 drop your phone in a stinky toilet
 ... OR ...
 leave your phone in a public place?