



ABOUT

The Data & Society Research Institute is a new New York City-based think/do tank dedicated to addressing social, technical, ethical, legal, and policy issues that are emerging because of data-centric technological development. Data & Society will provide a space for researchers, entrepreneurs, activists, policy creators, journalists, geeks, and public intellectuals to gather, debate, and engage one another on the key issues introduced by the increasing availability of data in society.

Data & Society will bring together divergent constituencies, host events, do directed research, create policy frameworks, and build demonstration projects to grapple with the challenges and opportunities presented by an ever-increasing amount of available information. The Institute will imagine, take on, and develop projects that will help society's understanding of and ability to adapt to a data-soaked world. The output of this Institute will be directed at broad audiences.

Data & Society will launch in 2014. For more information and to subscribe to the Data & Society mailing list, visit <http://www.datasociety.net/>.

VALUES STATEMENT

Data & Society is intended to advance the public's understanding of the challenges and opportunities presented by a networked society. We are committed to making the products of our research and collaborations publicly available.

The issues that Data & Society seeks to address are complex. The same innovative technologies and sociotechnical practices that enable novel modes of interaction, new opportunities for knowledge, and disruptive business paradigms can also be abused to invade people's privacy, provide new tools of discrimination, and harm individuals and communities. The Institute is committed to approaching each issue from multiple perspectives in order to tease out and grapple with the entangled complexities.

The work and well-being of Data & Society is strengthened by the diversity of our network and our differences in background, culture, experience, and much more. We are committed to making certain that a diverse group of people participate in the Institute and that a wide array of perspectives are heard.