Estimating the representativeness of German parties in the 2013 Bundestag election

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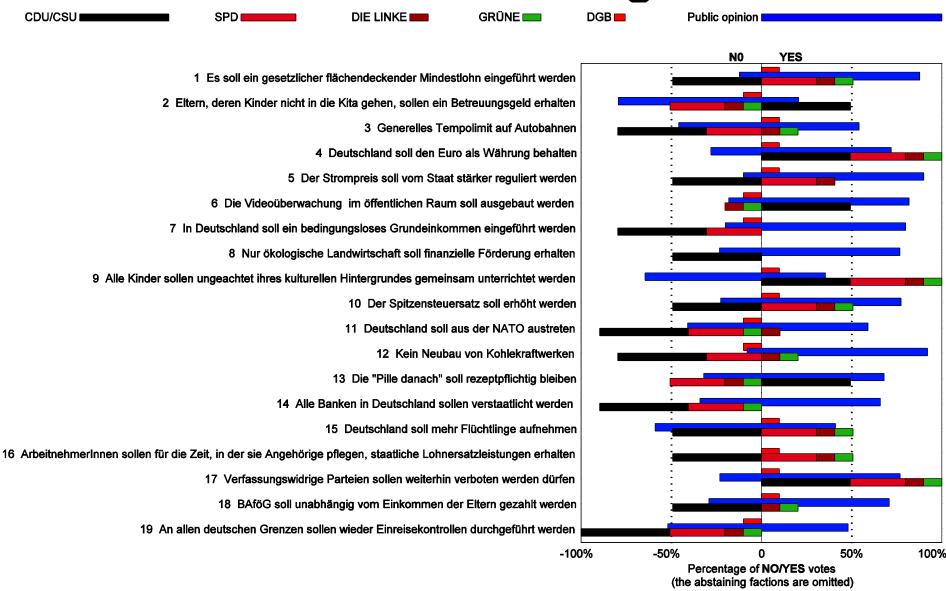
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- 1. 2013 German Bundestag election
- 2. Indices-based election method with no voting
- 3. Hypothetical redistribution of seats in 2013 Bundestag

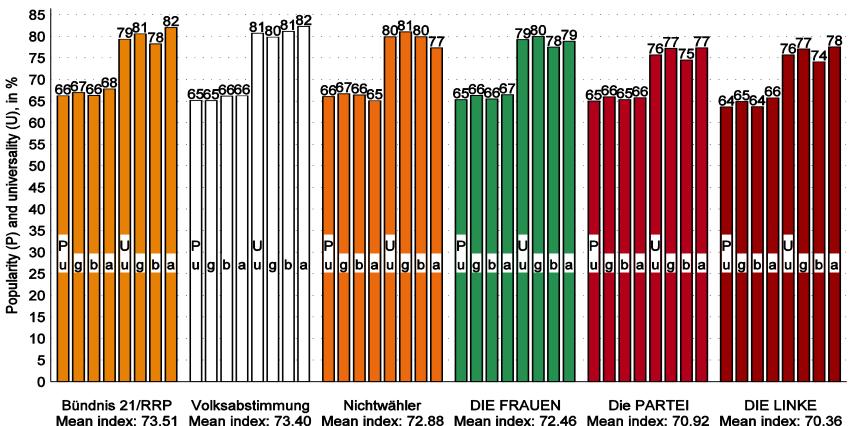
Source data: 36 Y/N questions from the Wahl-O-Mat)

	Opinions of parties and unions						Question weights		Survey results,	
	CDU 41.6	SPD 25.8	Linke 8.6	Grüne 8.4	DGB -		Google 7.10.13 log2	1nd expert 0-3	Prota- gonists %	Anta- gonists %
Minimul wage	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		2,020,000	3	86	12
Compensation for parents	Yes	No	No	No	No		1,010,000	2	20	77
Speed limit on Motorways	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		415,000	2	53	45
Retain EUR as German currency	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		676,000	2	69	27
State control over electricity tariff	No	Yes	Yes	?	Yes		95,600	2	90	10

Positions of Bundestag Factions



Indices 1-6



Mean P: 66.89 Mean U: 80.12 Votes: 0.02%

Mean index: 73.51 Mean index: 73.40 Mean P: 65.74 Mean U: 81.07 Votes: 0.07%

Mean P: 66.14 Mean U: 79.63 Votes: 0.03%

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Mean P: 65.96 Mean U: 78.96 Votes: 0.03%

Mean P: 65.59 Mean U: 76.26 Votes: 0.18%

Mean P: 64.56 Mean U: 76.15 Votes: 8.59%



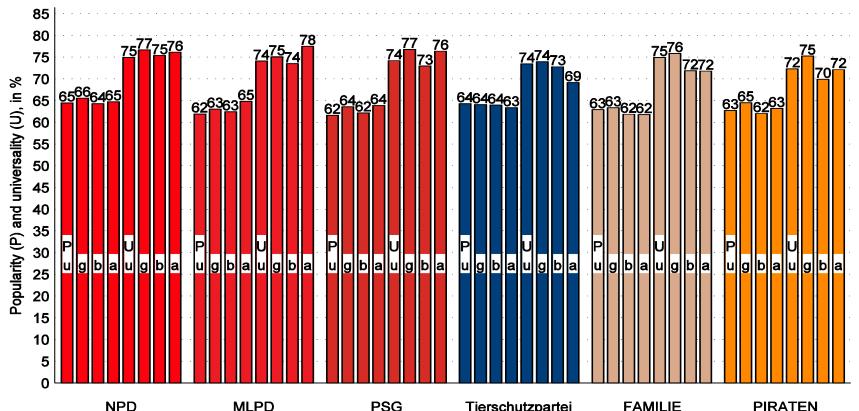








Indices 7-12



Mean P: 64.85 Mean U: 75.85 Votes: 1.28%

MLPD Mean P: 63.14 Mean U: 75.13 Votes: 0.06%

PSG Mean P: 62.89 Mean U: 75.17 Votes: 0.01%

Tierschutzpartei Mean index: 70.35 Mean index: 69.14 Mean index: 69.03 Mean index: 68.22 Mean index: 68.13 Mean index: 67.84 Mean P: 64.01 Mean U: 72.43 Votes: 0.32%

FAMILIE Mean P: 62.57 Mean U: 73.69 Votes: 0.02%

PIRATEN Mean P: 63.19 Mean U: 72.50 Votes: 2.19%





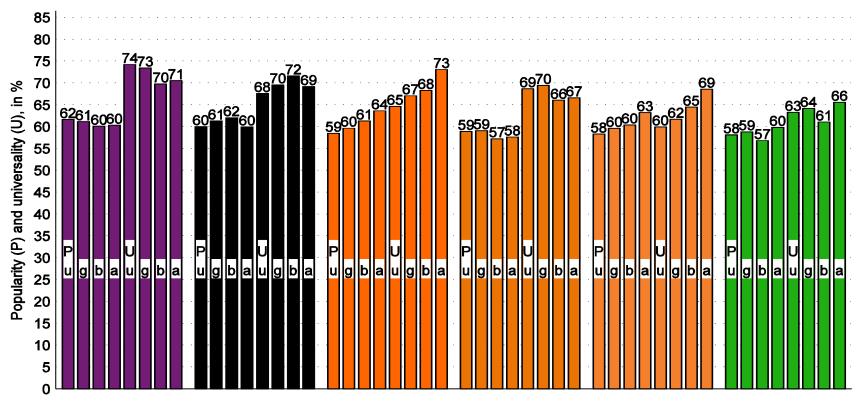








Indices 13-18



DIE VIOLETTEN Mean P: 60.87 Mean U: 72.05 Votes: 0.02%

pro Deutschland Mean index: 66.46 Mean index: 65.21 Mean P: 60.88 Mean U: 69.54 Votes: 0.17%

RENTNER Mean P: 60.83 Mean U: 68.33 Votes: 0.06%

ÖDP Mean index: 64.58 Mean index: 63.02 Mean index: 62.08 Mean index: 61.02 Mean P: 58.27 Mean U: 67.76 Votes: 0.29%

BIG Mean P: 60.44 Mean U: 63.73 Votes: 0.04%

GRÜNE Mean P: 58.46 Mean U: 63.57 Votes: 8.44%



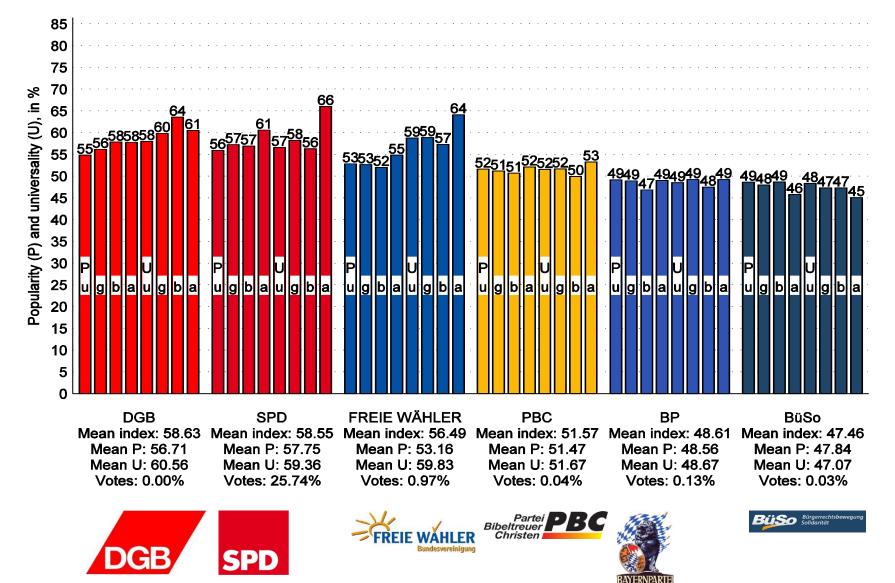






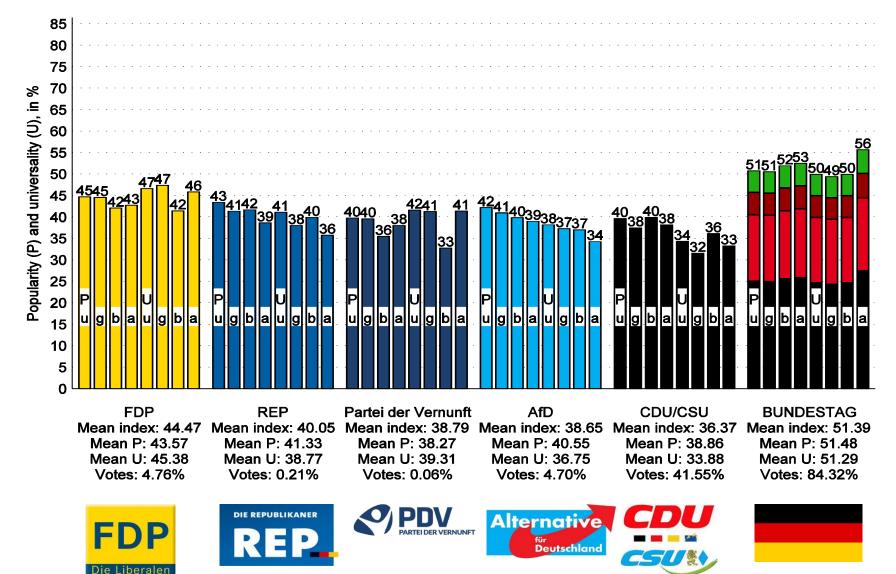


Indices 19-24





Indices 25-30





How to improve elections?

- (a) redirect the voters' attention from candidates as persons to manifestos (political profiles) and base the election of candidates on matching their profiles with *public opinion*
- (b) Ballots can contain Yes/No questions on voter positions regarding selected issues ("sample referenda"). Parties themselves can formulate the important questions and specify their positions

Two Election Architectures

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Leadership qualities A A A B B \rightarrow A Competence & experience A A B B A \rightarrow A Communication skills A A B B A \rightarrow A A B B B \rightarrow B A
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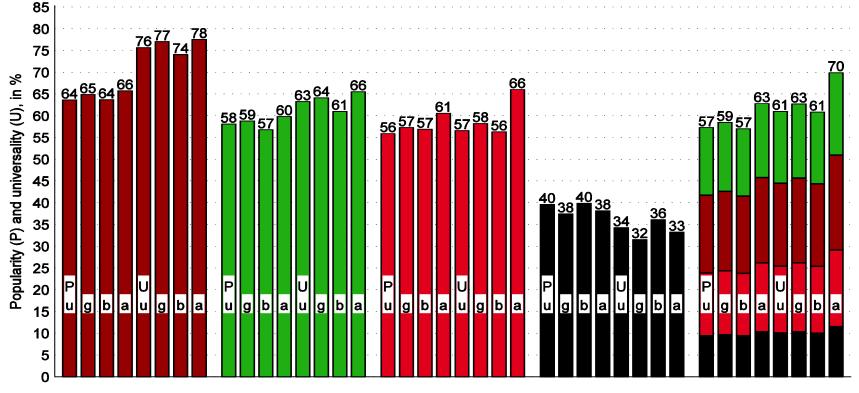
- ↓ → Individual determination (voting by name):
 - B wins with only 6 out of 15 partial votes
- → ↓ Public determination (voting by criteria):
 - A wins with 9 out of 15 partial votes

Reform proposal: Third vote for party manifestos (Drittstimme)

Actual trend in job recruitment: anonymized applications and the focus on job-relevant merits rather than on personal information

Similarly, the third vote in the form of 'sample referenda' with voters' Y/N opinions on several important issues from party manifestos. It meets the existing logic of the German two-vote system: the first vote for a person, the second vote for a party, and the third vote for party profiles, so that the considerations are getting to be more conceptual and less personified

Alternative count: New Bundestag



DIE LINKE Mean index: 70.36 Mean P: 64.56 Mean U: 76.15 New seats: 31.15% GRÜNE
Mean index: 61.02
Mean P: 58.46
Mean U: 63.57
New seats: 27.14%

SPD Mean index: 58.55 Mean P: 57.75 Mean U: 59.36 New seats: 25.16% CDU/CSU
Mean index: 36.37
Mean P: 38.86
Mean U: 33.88
New seats: 16.55%

BUNDESTAG Mean index: 61.34 Mean P: 58.97 Mean U: 63.71 New seats: 100.00%



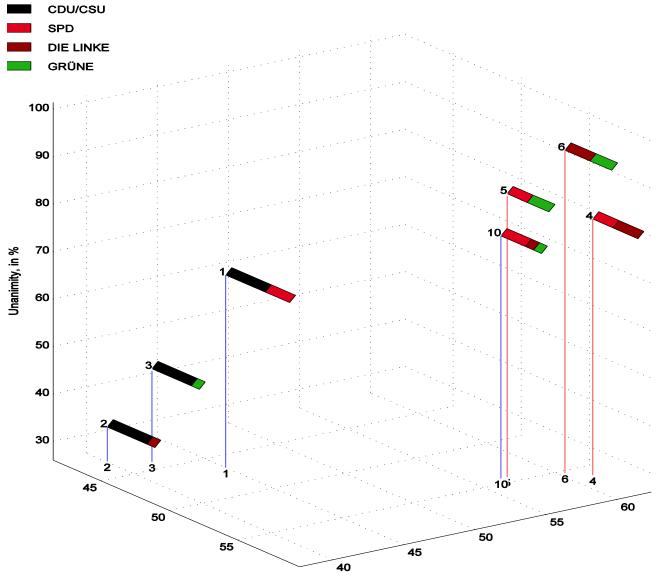








Alternative count: New coalitions



Universality, in %

Conclusions

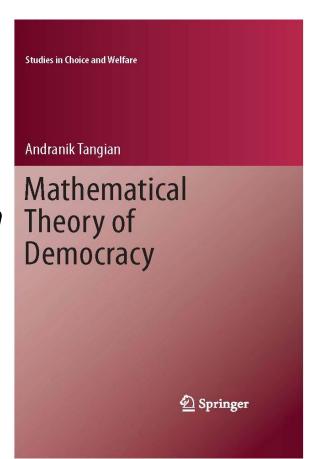
- German Bundestag election 2013 shows that voters are little consistent with their own political profiles, disregard party manifestos, and are likely driven by political traditions, even if outdated, or by personal images of politicians
- Possible explanation: Irrationality of voters; the spectrum of political landscape has shifted to the right, whereas voters still believe that the parties represent the same values as a few decades ago
- Result of 'voting errors': the election winner, the CDU/CSU is the least representative among the 28 parties
- Effect: discrepancy between the electorate and the government elected (Stuttgart 21, Castor Transport)
- Election reform proposal: 3rd vote

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I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians

Charles De Gaulle (1890–1970)

THANK YOU!

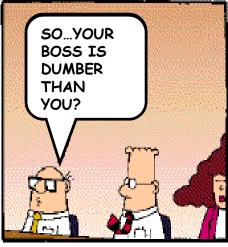
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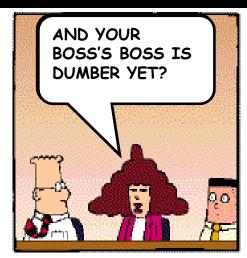
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The Leadership Challenge

















The Evolution of the Internet

Business and Societal Impact



Connectivity

Digitize Access to Information

- Email
- Web Browser
- Search



Networked Economy

Digitize Business Process

- E-commerce
- Digital Supply Chain
- Collaboration



Immersive Experiences

Digitize Interactions (Business & Social)

- Social
- Mobility
- Cloud
- Video



Internet of Everything

Digitize the World

Connecting:

- People
- Process
- Data
- Things

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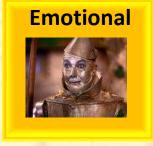


The Leader

Rationality
Competence
Incentives



Efficiency Charisma
Process Sociability
Order Intuition



Empathy

Authentic

Congenial

Changing

Situational

Task



Relationship Service
Results Vision
Tough/Soft Steward



Creative

Empower

Culture

Main issues:

- 1. Leadership theories are intellectually encompassing and out of reach.
- 2. Leadership is a one-size-fits-all phenomenon.
- 3. No connection to impact on people or the organization.

THEORISTS

- Pre-19th Century
- Thomas Carlyle et al.

The "Great Man"

BELIEF

- Pre-Endowed
- Divine
- Personal



CHARACTERISTICS

- Personal charisma, intellect, wisdom.
- Inexplicable wondrous abilities

ISSUES

- Chauvinistic
- Unscientific
- Unreliable
- Charlatans

The Intellectual Leader

THEORISTS

- The Greek Trio
- Voltaire et al.

BELIEF

- Reason
- Rationality
- Perfectibility of man



CHARACTERISTICS

- All mental
- Rule orientation
- Inflexibility

ISSUES

- Technical rationality without morality.
- People are easily replaceable.

The Emotional Leader

THEORISTS

- Max Weber
- Sigmund Freud
- Carl Jung, et al.

BELIEF

- Presence of an unconscious.
- Humans have emotional needs.



CHARACTERISTICS

- Traits/Competence
- Attractive/Style
- Assertive
- Congenial

ISSUES

• Effective leaders differ on many characteristics.

THEORISTS

- Hersey & Blanchard
- Bennis
- Fiedler

The Adaptive Leader

BELIEF

• Situation determines behavior.



CHARACTERISTICS

- Adaptability
- Balance of task and relationship.
- Courage

ISSUES

- Schizophrenia.
- There are endless contingencies in life.
- Inauthentic.

The Transcendent Leader

THEORISTS

- Greenleaf
- Block
- Bennis
- Schein

BELIEF

- Service
- Higher Purpose
- Wonder
- Empowerment



CHARACTERISTICS

- Stewardship
- Communication
- Creativity
- Vision

ISSUES

- Theory-practice gap
- Idealistic

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eGovernment adoption

- Supply side vs. Demand side
- Many eGovernment services are implemented, but are they used?

Accessibility

- Important for many citizens.
- We all have, or will get, impairments (with age).
- Accessibility => more users.
- Non-users are expensive.
- (Lots of new devices, e.g., mobile phones)

Usability

- Need scientific approach
- Users must involved in all stages of service development.
 - Requirements
 - Design
 - Implementation
 - Continuous feedback

Efficiency

- Efficiency as experienced by the users are important.
- Again, we need scientific approach.
- Measure the efficiency gain for the users.
- Try to find ways of making solutions more efficient. E.g., prefilled content in forms.

Involvement

- Citizen-centric approach:
- Involvement in all stages of service development.
 - Accessibility
 - Usability
 - Efficiency

Involvement

- E-Democracy: Use ICT to facilitate participation in democratic processes.
- Participation is a democratic ideal.
- But: Citizens are also competent resources.

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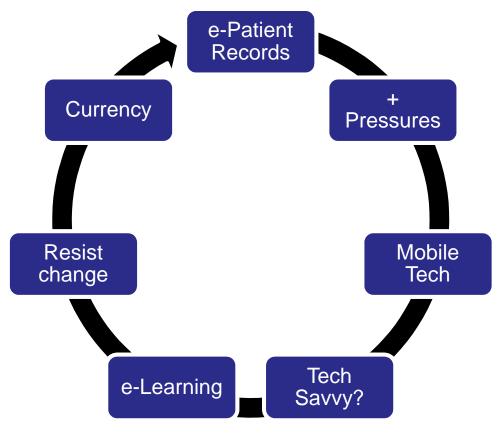




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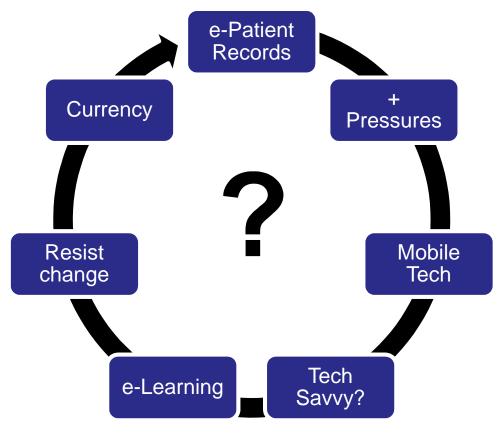




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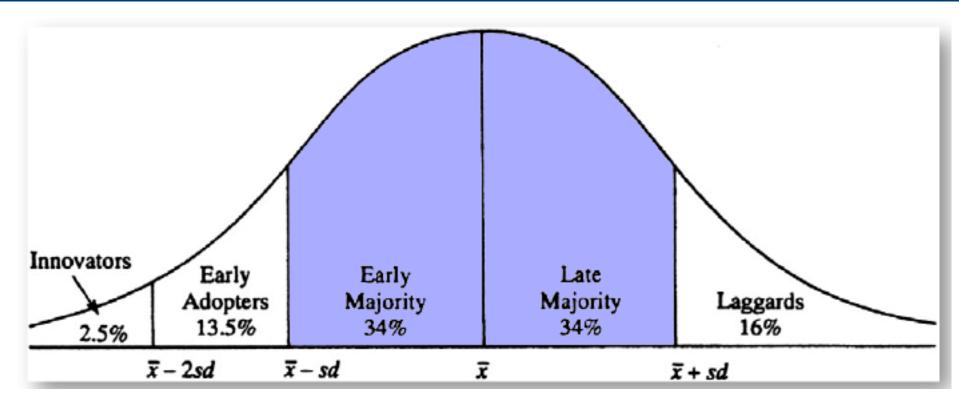




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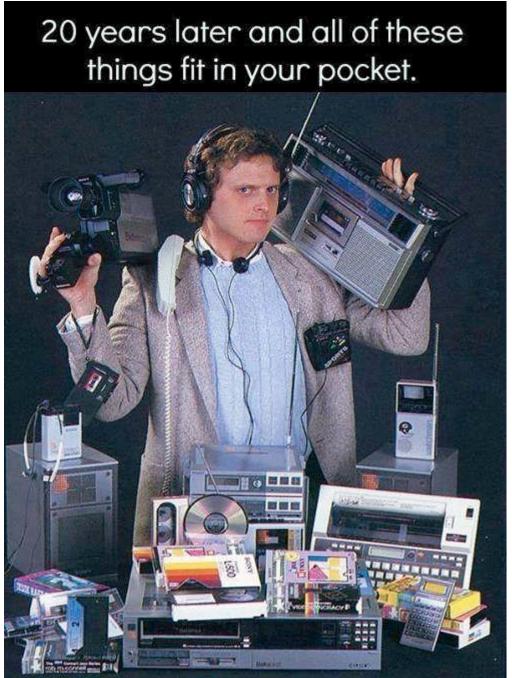












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Is the e-Agenda moving too fast for the majority of Society?







