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DEFY



AI

Prosperity for them, but not for you.

📖 Knowledge is power and although there is so much information available, it seems difficult to truly know if anything is true.

🔍 The AI that you see at the top of your routine internet search is just a summary of information that has been posted online. That information could be true. It could also be old. It could be wrong or it could be dangerously wrong.

🗑️ Misinformation is incorrect data or opinions that are not based in facts. Disinformation is false data or unfounded opinions intended to mislead the reader. AI does not care if the information it is summarizing is false or misleading.

😊 But I care. Here is some information and advice to help you find what is true.

Educate yourself

People can have obtained knowledge nature, religious or community leaders, encyclopedia, or neighbors and friends. And the increased accessibility of the internet and the digitization of historic and contemporary texts and data means that real knowledge is more available than ever.

But barriers to knowledge exist due to illiteracy, language barriers, paywalls, book bans, and selective coverage or reporting. Our public institutions are even restricting access to resources the public has already paid for.

We are all diverse types of learners. Not all of us will read government documents or a scientific publication and interpret the data. Some of us learn by numbers, some of us need someone to speak it to us.

To start to defy AI, ask yourself, ***How do you learn?***
What sources are available to help you learn new information easily?



Reliance on AI is not inevitable. There are centuries of people who have dedicated their lives to the sharing of accurate information. Before you start your search, determine for yourself:

What information do you need to know? What information will improve your physical or emotional life? **What information do you need to keep you and your community safe?**

Who do you trust to have accurate information? How do they obtain their information and **why do you trust that what they say is true?**



The people who have dedicated their lives to providing **good information** are **within reach**.

- Ask a librarian. It's their job to help you!
- Email a professor. You don't have to be in a degree program to learn from experts.
- Community orgs - Abolitionist school
- Ask your government official
- Find open source data, books, and images online.

Much of the knowledge out there was funded by taxpayers. Access to these resources is owed to you.

*See how much each state received tax dollars for health research:
<https://www.unitedformedicalresearch.org/nih-in-your-state/>.*

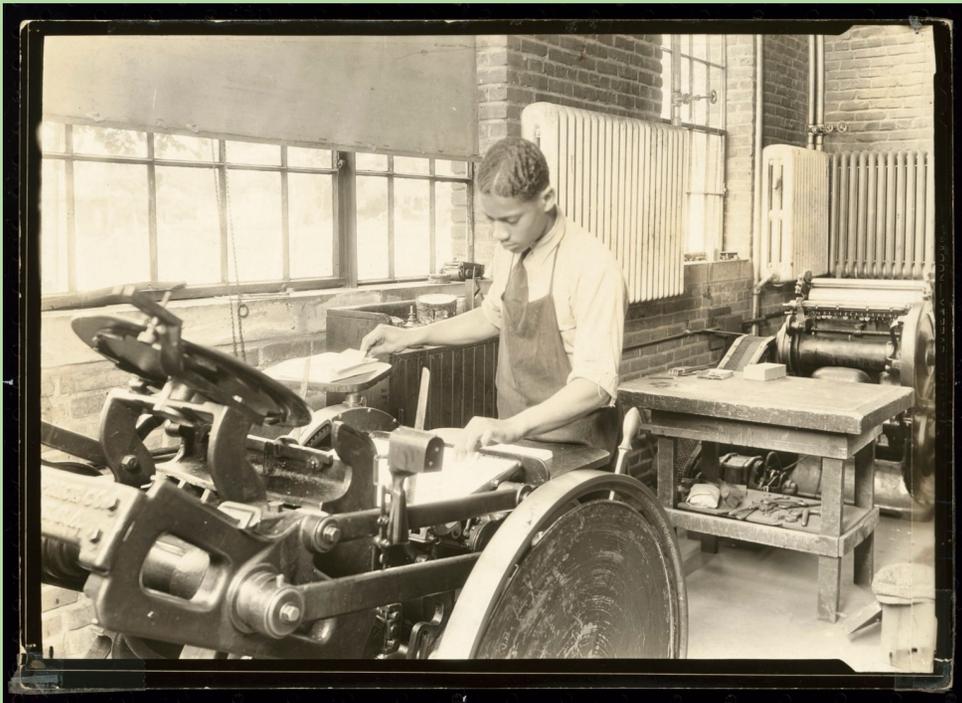
See the impact of the 2025 federal budget cuts on research that belongs to you: scienceimpacts.org.



Educate your community

We create art for ourselves and each other. Humans to humans. Humans for humans. When humans are removed from the equation, what is the value of this “intelligence”?

Knowledge is a gift, and it should be passed on to others who need it. There are real ways to help those around you grow as well.



**Host an event to
share your expertise
at your local library**



**Join a community
or local government
citizen's board**

**Create a new space for
your community**

**Collect and share data
when you have it**

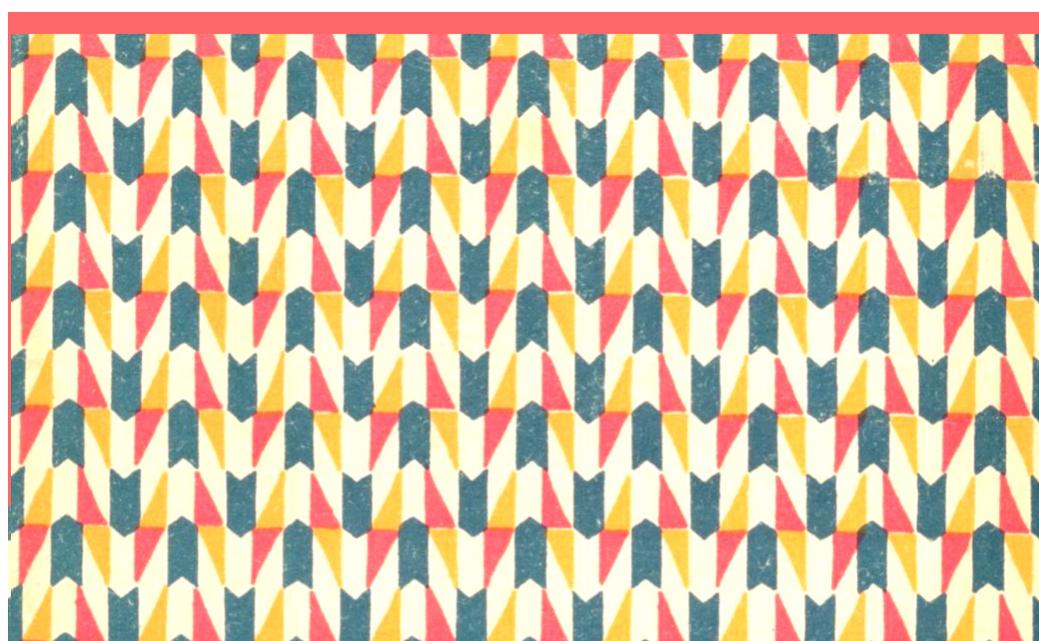


**Write and
create op-eds,
zines, or art**

**Volunteer with your
favorite community
organization or
educational
institution**



**Support museums that
preserves neglected
histories and educates
your community**



Although most of our lives seem to occur
online, humans are flesh and blood.
When you know the truth, reality is your
power.

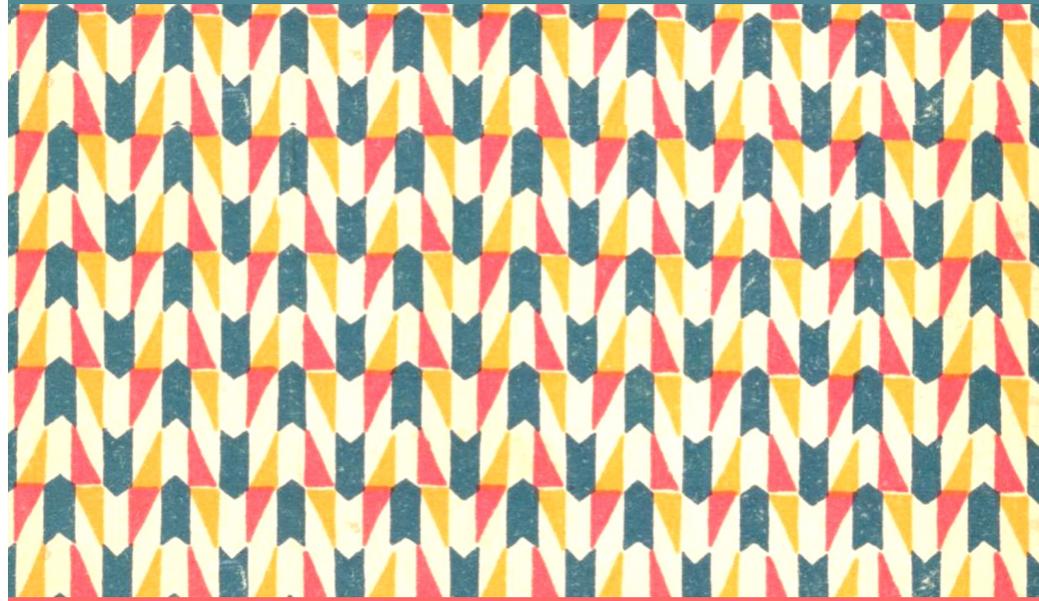


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