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"In design, be logical, search for truth, be clear."

-Massimo Vignelli

Design should be neutral.

This is still how we're taught design.







John Edwin Mason @johnedwinmason

Another reminder that manipulation in photography isn't really about Photoshop or darkroom tricks.



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-Susan Sontaq





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"The content or message of any given medium has about as much importance as the stenciling on the casing of an atomic bomb."

-Marshall McLuhan

How many settings do you change on your phone or computer?

95% of users don't change any settings on their phone

"Defaults (and their designers) hold immense power - they make decisions for us that we're not even aware of making...Someone, somewhere, decided what those defaults should be - and it probably wasn't you."

- Lena Groeger

"[Technology] reflects the values of its creators. So inclusivity matters - from who designs it to who sits on the company boards and which ethical perspectives are included. Otherwise, we risk constructing machine intelligence that mirrors a narrow and privileged vision of society, with its old, familiar biases and stereotypes."

-Kate Crawford





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"We fully realize that no typeface is neutral, and that the objectivity of Helvetica is a myth. But it is exactly this myth that turned Helvetica into one of the most widely used typefaces in the first place."

-Experimental Jetset

"All design is ideological. The design process is informed by values based on a specific world view, or way of seeing and understanding reality."

-Anthony Dunne and Fiona Raby

















"The camera is just as capable of lying as the typewriter"

-Bertolt Brecht

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You may not shoot any original/new footage. You may only use found elements/footage from other sources, but it must be thematically related to your previous work.

It may not be an advertisement/commercial.

Sound is optional.

