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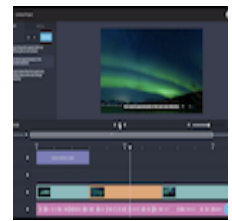
Tools for excellence: This is a one-stop repository of resources for productivity and self-improvement. The page is hosted on Patreon --a platform that provides business tools for creators to run a subscription content service, as well as ways for artists to build relationships and provide exclusive experiences to their subscribers, or "patrons." [Click here to explore.](#)

Headliner: make videos with no equipment ... for free



UTILITY: In our age of minuscule attention spans, videos are the most favoured method of communicating. Headliner is a *browser-based app that will make sophisticated videos* for you with nothing more than a voice recording.

SOURCE: [Headliner](#)



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Ambigrams: stretching the limits of visual imagination



VIDEO: Ambigrams are words or *symbols styled so they still have meaning when viewed from another perspective.* This video is a great overview of some of the best artists and books on the craft.

SOURCE: [YouTube via Boingboing](#)



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The battle for control of your mind

Social media, big data and algorithms have taken control of our minds without us being any the wiser. The 3 articles that follow are important reading if we wish to stay free of the tide of misinformation that is posing a serious threat to critical thought and open discourse.

It's now an open war on the (mis)information front. Are we ready?



ARTICLE: What we are all now realising is that while disinformation, misinformation, and *social media hoaxes have evolved from a nuisance into high-stakes information war,* our frameworks for dealing with them have remained the same.

SOURCE: [Wired](#)



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Use social media responsibly – or face the consequences



ARTICLE: It's tempting to think that such a widely used platform (and such a popular industry) would naturally be safe to use, but the reality is, social media has significant destructive potential. Here are a *set of tips on using it responsibly.*

SOURCE: [The Next Web](#)



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How language shapes our thoughts



ARTICLE: Language works by providing labels. This is especially true for concepts that we cannot see or touch. But we still *don't really understand how language works in shaping the meaning of these more abstract concepts.*

SOURCE: [The Conversation](#)



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Curated and enhanced content, once a week

This is a newsletter of curated content directed at people who are tired of reading nothing but bad and depressing news in the mainstream media. The content in this site will be of interest to:

- People who like to think critically.
- People who like to teach young minds how to think critically.
- People who like to communicate - speaking, writing, engaging in forums - critically assessed information to interested audiences; I would like to offer Richard Saul Wurman's phrase, "Information architect", as a descriptor.

Arjun Rajagopalan



My professional life of four decades was spent as a surgeon, educator and medical administrator. I am now retired from active practice and when I reflect on my life and ask myself what did I do that could be now redirected to a larger audience, three things pop up: thinking, teaching, talking.