

The one sure  
prediction:

All predictions will be  
proven wrong

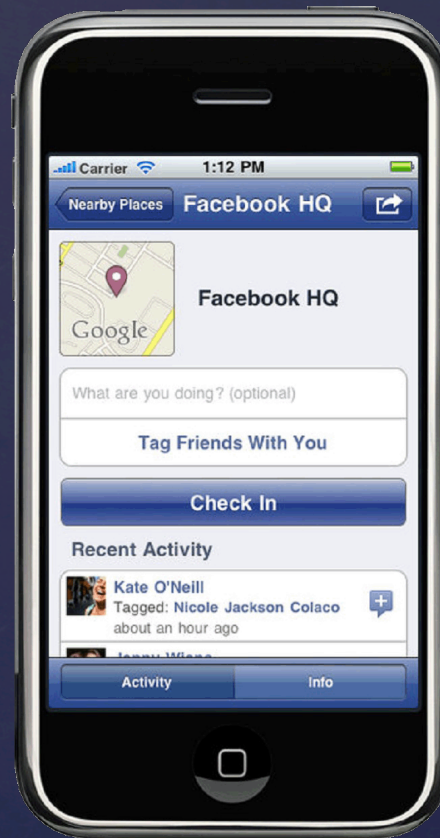
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# What we were expecting





# What we got

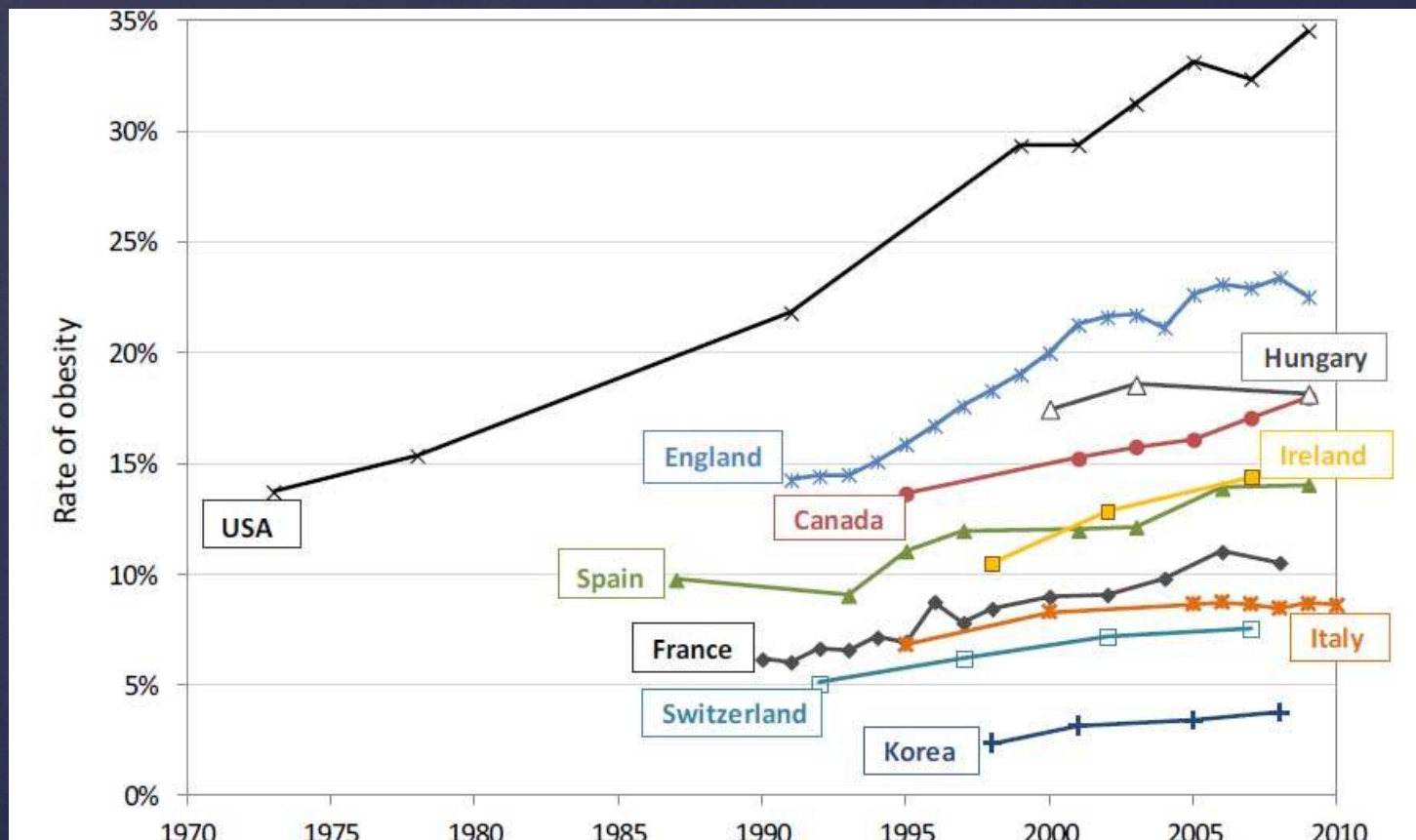


# Technology shaping society





... by making it fatter

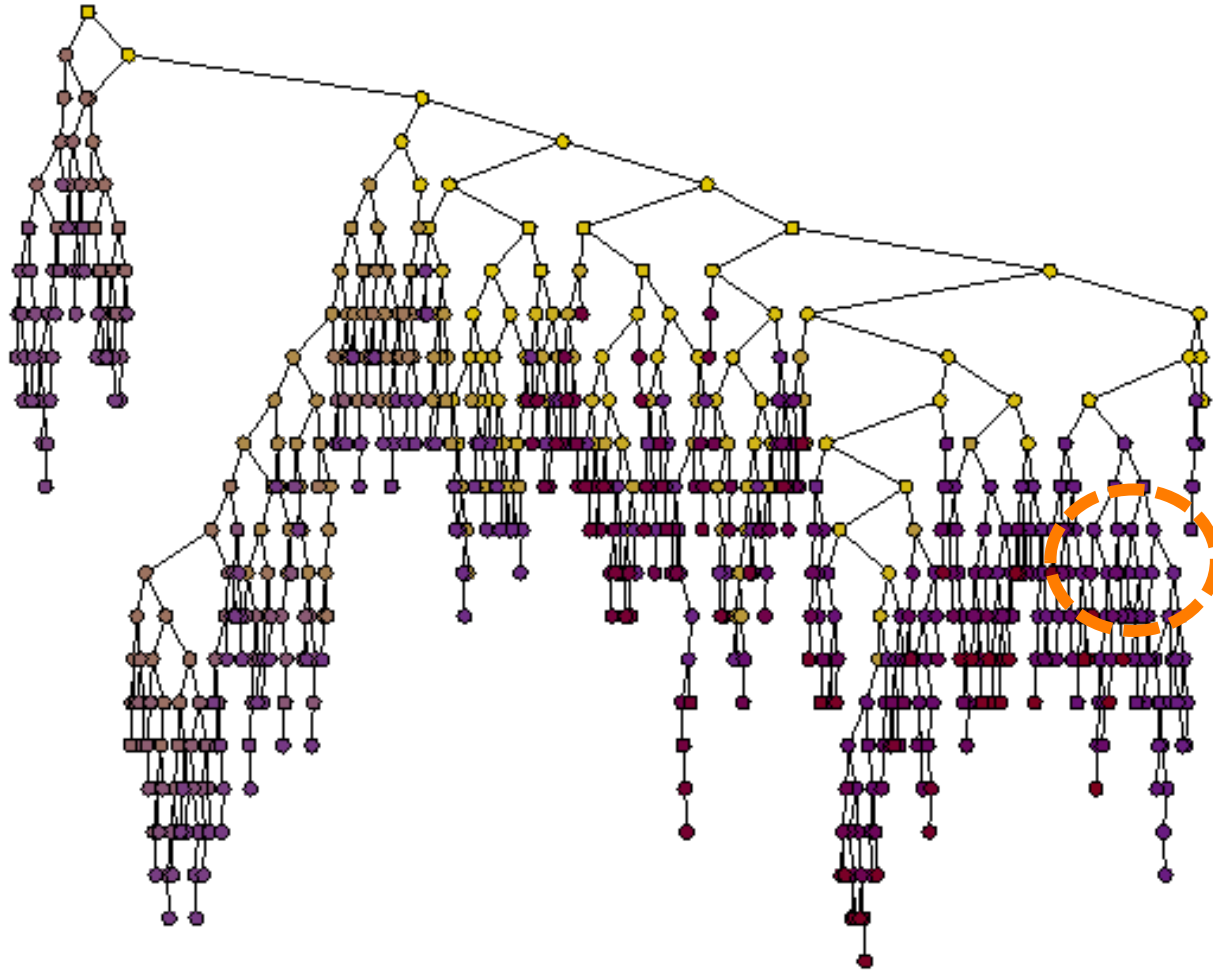


# Pessimistic about (predicting) the future

- ❖ We are remarkably bad at predicting the form technology will take, and how it will change our lives
- ❖ We rarely envision the actual as even one of the possible futures



# Window of Opportunity



- Future must be almost upon us before we can intervene
- Short window to act to change the outcome

# If AI is achieved...

## Forms

- ❖ Robots
- ❖ Virtual agents
- ❖ Embedded in everyday devices
- ❖ Augmented humans/animals
- ❖ ???

## Impacts

- ❖ Mass unemployment
- ❖ Sustainable fixed population economy
- ❖ Loss of freedom
- ❖ Expanded freedom
- ❖ ???



# One Path Enabled by AI

1. Robot companions for elderly
2. Robot caretakers for children
3. Poorly socialized adults prefer robots to other humans
4. Widespread preference for robot over human life partners
5. Human race heads towards voluntary extinction
6. Rest of biosphere recovers from destruction wrought by human species