

Megan Herbert

All Fun and Games...

Substack, 18 August 2025

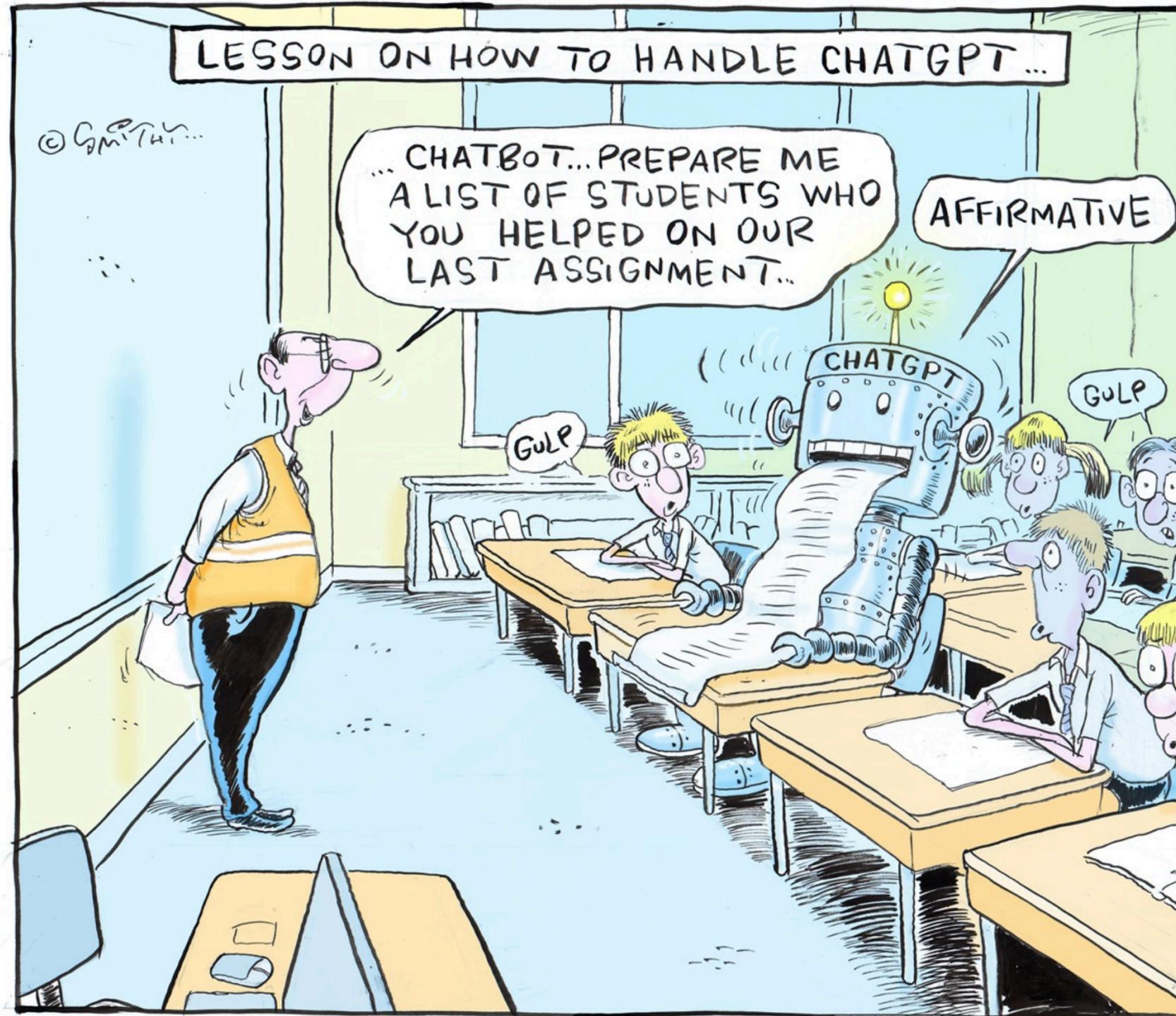
In this cartoon Megan Herbert draws on Tetris, one of the bestselling video games of all time. The game's easy-to-understand format belies the challenges involved in playing it, much like the complex interplay between the rapidly developing potential of AI technology, and the desire of companies to use it to its full capacity – not to mention lawmakers' efforts to regulate it effectively.

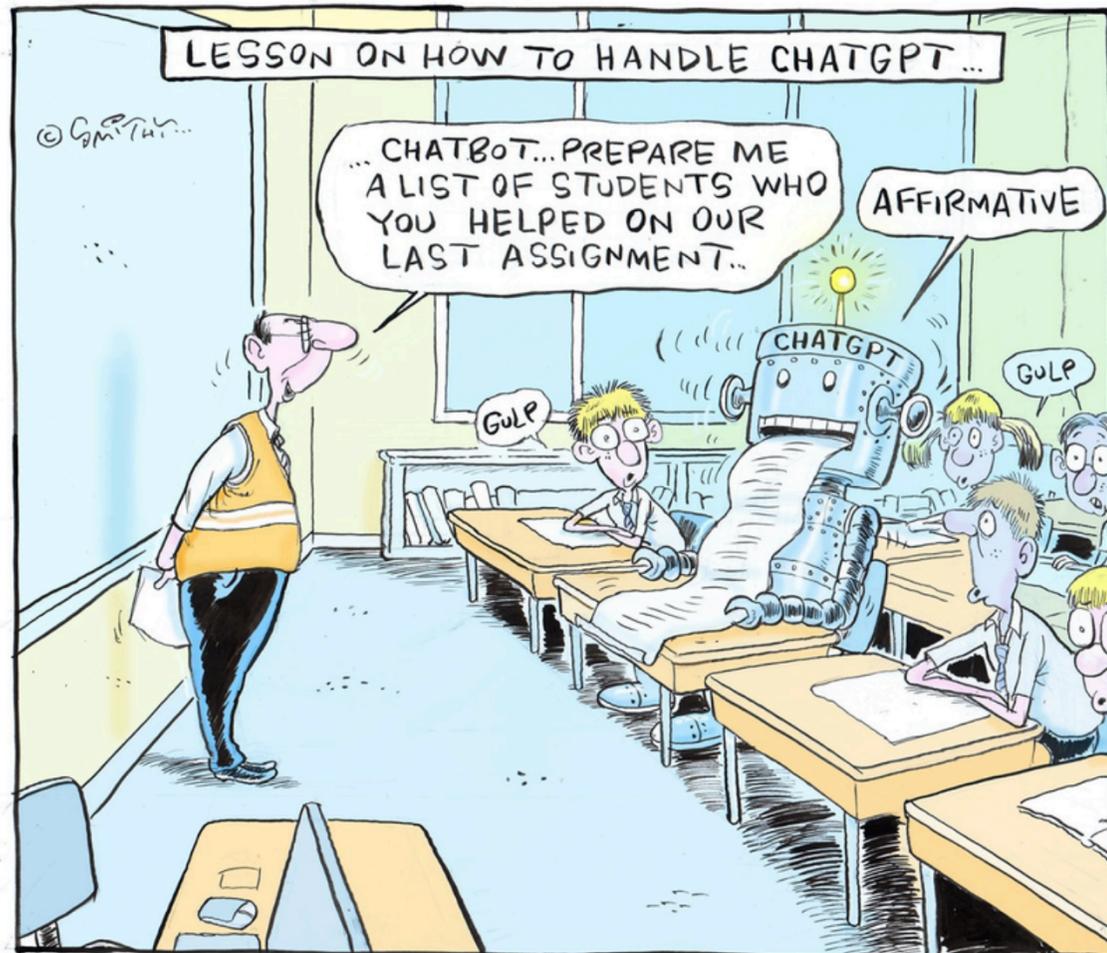
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Greg 'Smithy' Smith

A Lesson on ChatGPT

The Sunday Times, 29 January 2023

Generative artificial intelligence tools, such as the language and writing tool ChatGPT, suddenly became widely accessible in 2023. Just about anyone with a computer and internet connection has the potential to use it to draft an essay. Greg 'Smithy' Smith's cartoon considers whether this will radically change the way normal classroom assignment-writing is done in the future.

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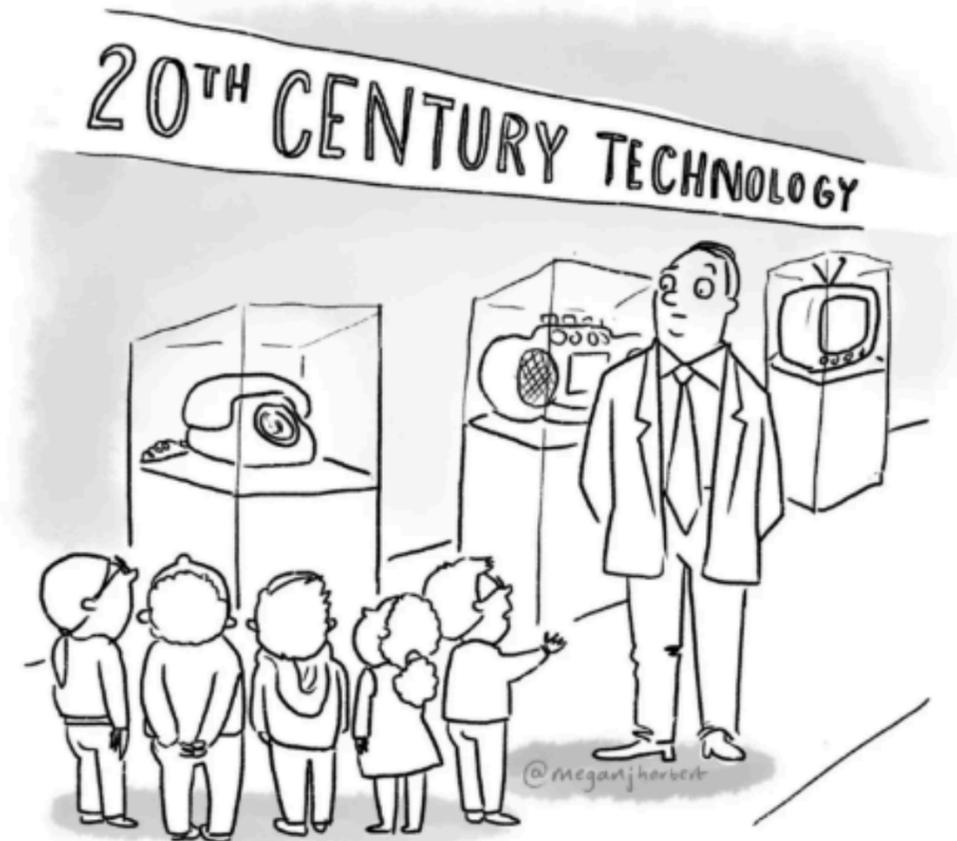
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Antisocial Media

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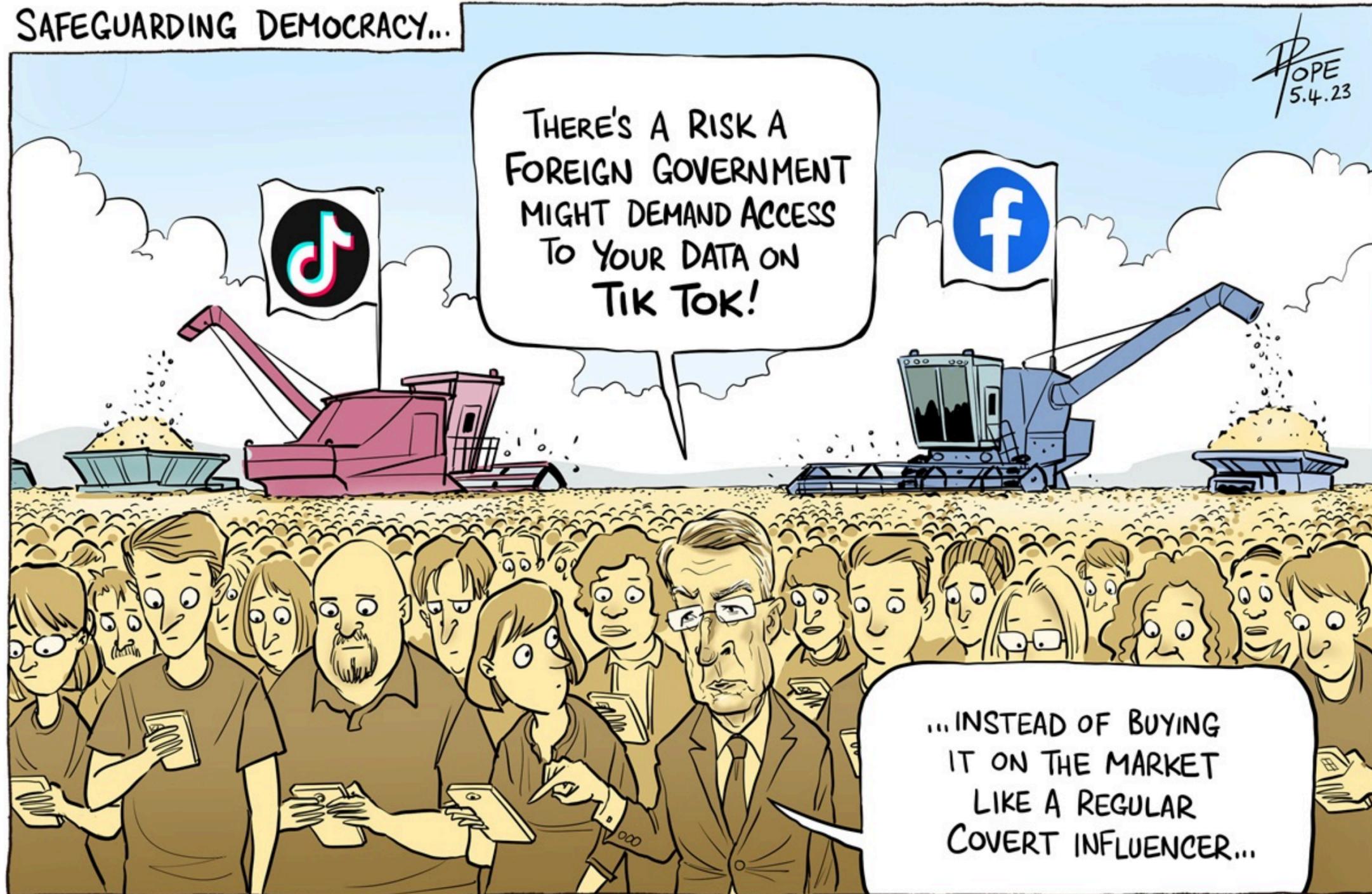
Phones used to be simple devices that connected two voices separated by great distances. Now we have smartphones, incredibly sophisticated, multifaceted communication devices that can spread messages to millions in milliseconds. However, there's growing anxiety about people using them to fuel extremism and spread misinformation.

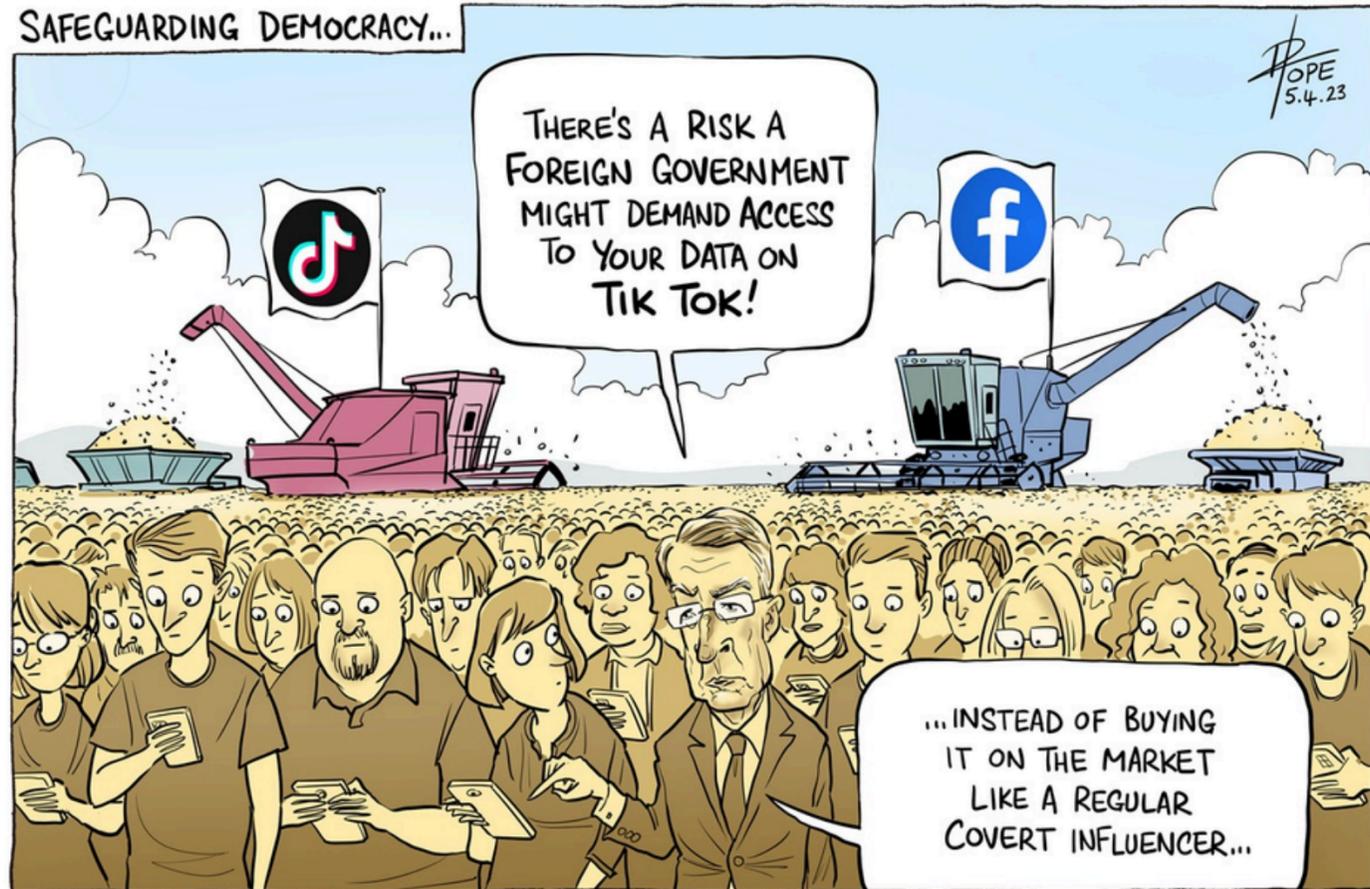
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David Pope

Safeguarding Democracy

The Canberra Times, 5 April 2023

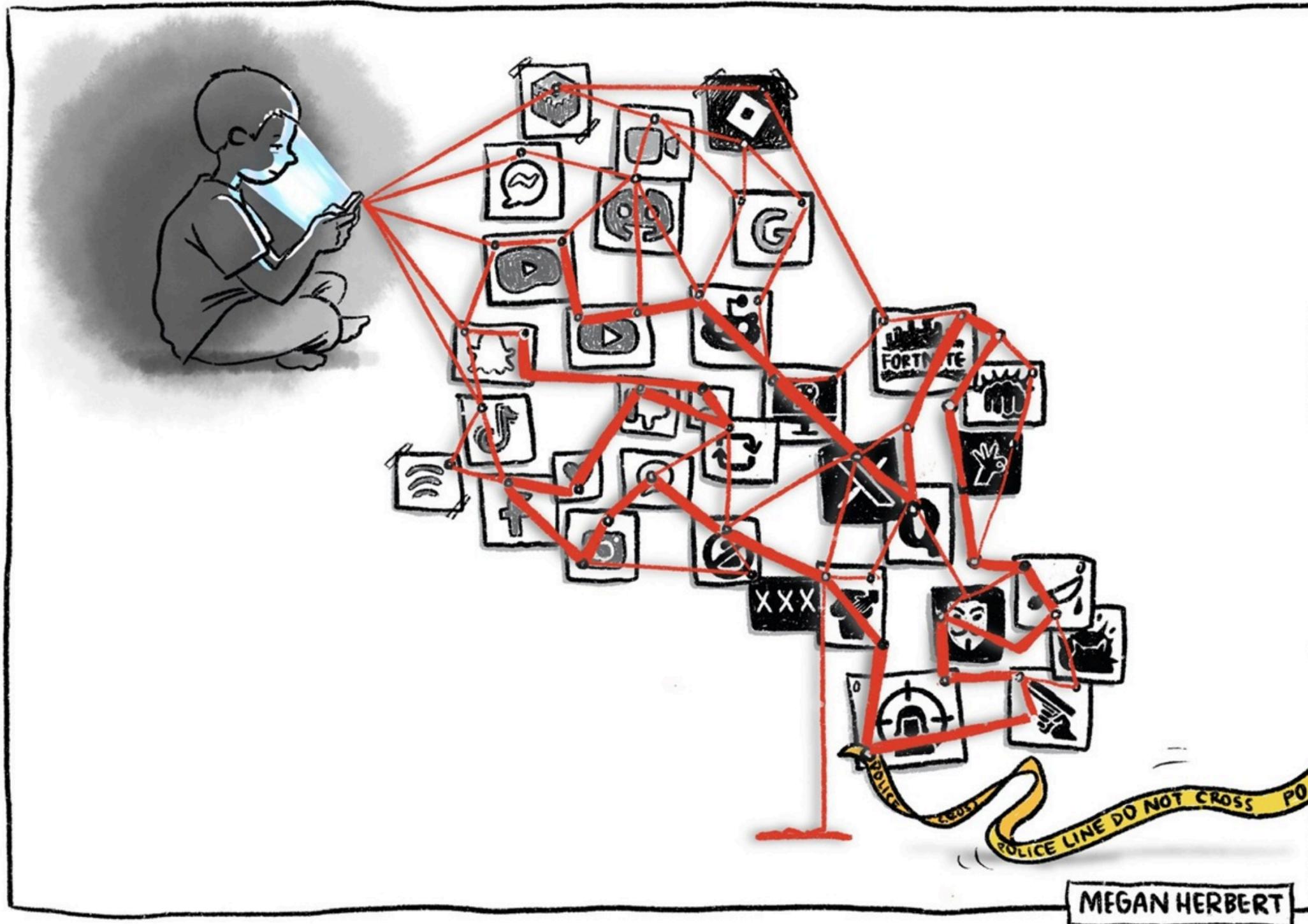
In a sea of people on mobile phones, David Pope depicts the social media companies TikTok and Facebook as large combine harvesters, extracting users' personal data. In April 2023 Attorney General Mark Dreyfus authorised a ban of the TikTok app on all Australian Government department and agency devices. The government stated that Chinese-owned TikTok 'poses significant security and privacy risks'. The ban did not apply to non-Chinese social media apps.

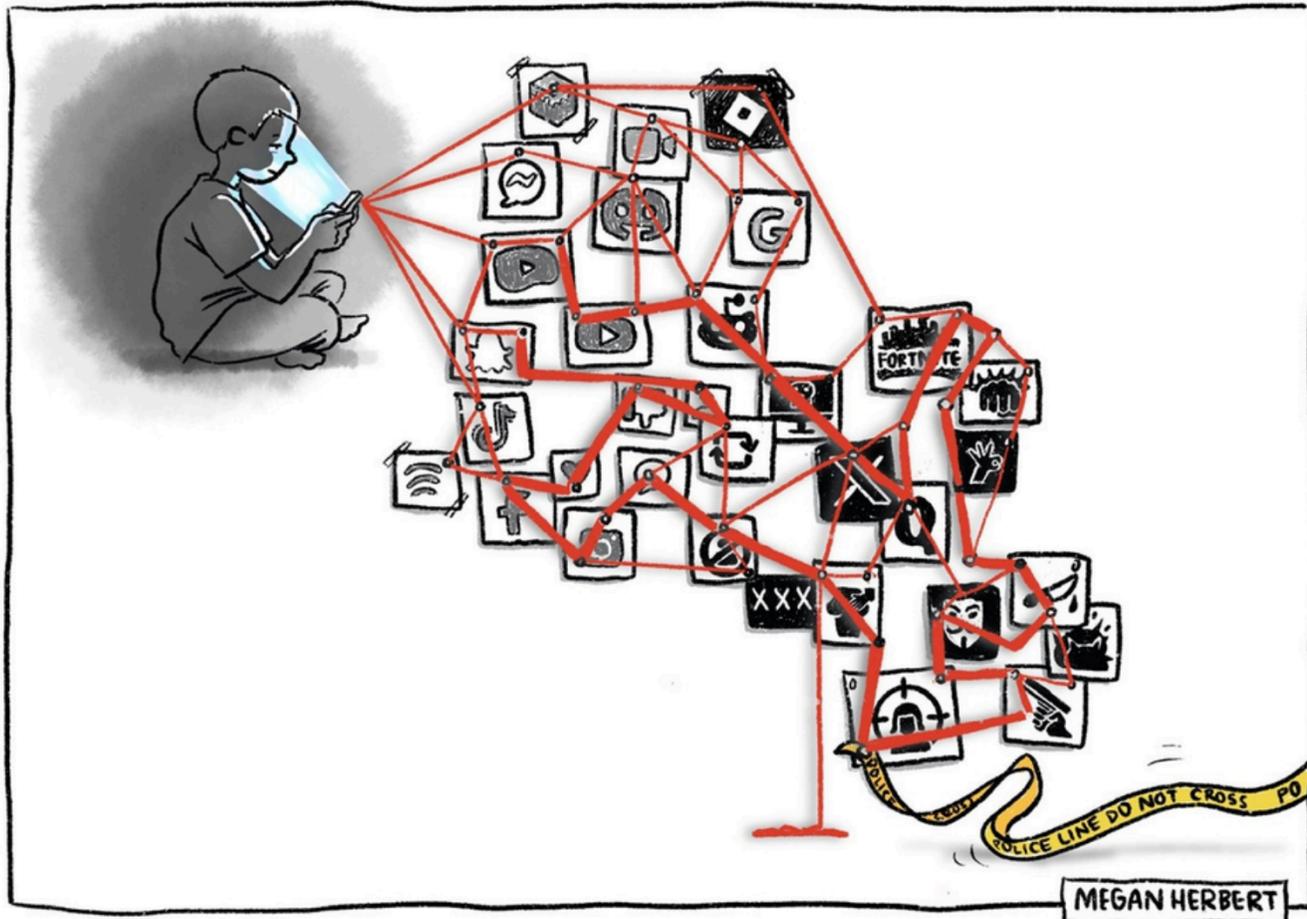
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Nine Papers, 17 May 2024

In May the premiers of New South Wales, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia said they wanted to explore regulations to limit social media access and online time for young people, to help protect them from harmful content. Megan Herbert's clever use of an 'evidence board' reminds us that the roots of misogynist violence can lie in the seedy back alleys and unlit cul-de-sacs of the internet, especially when navigated by young, impressionable minds.

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