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Dani intro:
Hello, in our group we have created 2 worlds in response to everything we have learned in the past weeks. In particular you may remember we talked about the 5 paths to Superintelligence that were outlined in Nick Bostrom's book.

So, for our first world we have imagine what would happen if these paths came true. What type of world would evolve around them; paying particular attention to the central role of productivity and intelligence that would emerge --

For our 2nd world we looked into what type of alternative societies would emerge in response to this superproductive tech world. What would be the political and economical responses? What aspects would bring them together and what would bring them apart. Just how so would tech skepticists and rejects build a world in this new era where intelligence is central to everything.

Caro Intro:
BRIDGESIGN

We create spaces, services, experiences and products to help people from polarized societies to coexist in harmony, learn from each other and bridge their worlds into one.

Host Designer: Hello! I'm Carolina and I'm here today representing Bridgesign, a future design firm that creates spaces, products, experiences and services that help people from these polarized societies to coexist in harmony, learn from each other and find balance between different worlds.

With the development of A.I technology and its implementation in all aspects of our daily lives, we are now experiencing a troublesome situation, at the brink of war. We today have two societies that are still disputing what role technology should play in the world. At the root we see drastically different ideas about human intelligence and how to deal with human problems.

Today, I invited two representatives from each society to express their core values, beliefs and behaviors, in order for us to understand where they´re coming from:

Host: First, we have what our organization has labelled the extreme doingists, governed under the name of the Leah Collective! Could you briefly introduce yourself?

ED 1: Hello Carolina, and good morning. My name is Eva, and we are children of the Virtual Class and Ecological Modernists. We are supporters of Superintelligence and evangelists of tech, and believe all social, economic and environmental problems can be solved by tech and

A.I intelligence. Super productivity is therefore all that has stood between a high standard of living and the problems of the previous centuries.

Host: So how is life at The Leah Collective?

ED 2: Life here is effective, fair, equal, and evolved, while waste has effectively been eliminated and unproductivity re-channeled and made productive again. After we got rid of the limitations of the human body, we operate much more efficiently, and issues are resolved in less time than ever before. This body you see is a virtual illusion, chosen for the day, it might change tomorrow. No more gender, race, class and age issues, no more constipation, no more suffering, pain and inefficient problem solving tainted by human flaw and limitations.

Host: So I hear that you have a special way of dealing with what you label "human waste"?

ED 1: Yes (laughing nervously), we do experience traces of humanity version 1.0 through recurring schizophrenic breakdowns which we trace through our cybernetic network of A.I. data collection. To fix this undesirable nuisance, we have designed a virtual room where our members, one by one as to not contaminate each other, go in and scream their artificial lungs out before they enter our VR entertainment network, all prime examples of how TLC solves through adequate resource use, while still providing a higher standard of living for all.

Host: Thank you so much to our Extreme Doing collective! Now we welcome the Extreme Beings. Could you tell us about yourself?

EB 1: We are revolutionists that have come together through the unlikely union of liberals and conservatives alike. United by our aversion of tech and the role it has taken upon the world, we believe that a life that uses as little tech as possible is ideal.

EB 2: For tech has only brought about job loss, rigidity, emptiness, and a loss of serendipity.

EB 1: A life of meaning for us is found within this self, this immense now, the intensely emotional, the expressive and the natural. A world that lives in union with the planet and a world that is connected to its emotions - to its being.

EB 2 (starting to get annoyed): We, the compassionate easterners, promote meditation and spirituality, we believe in transcending our emotions and thoughts at all times, floating high above the concerns of this world.

EB 1 (annoyed back): We, the Emotionalists Westerners promote a world where emotions are voiced out at all times, where failure is encouraged, fail now fail again and if you didn´t fail hard enough last time then fail more next time is our motto.

Host: So how do you govern your community? How do you make decisions and move forward as a society?

EB 2 (grabs the mike back, fake peaceful): Well, as deeply compassionate as I feel about what my Brother in Extreme Being just expressed, I do believe that transcending our emotions is the true way towards a balanced society. But maybe I am wrong as everything is relative, who knows what is true from what is not on the deep vast ocean of this dualistic existence.

EB 1 (emotionally upset)): Now that you just said that I felt a deep and intense repulsion, perhaps a nuance of hatred, that might connect to my dysfunctional relationship to someone who reminds me of you.

EB 2 (fake peaceful): As much compassion as I feel about this statement, I would like to stress the inadequacy in your approach.

EB 1 (emotionally upset)): Now I get really angry, I get really angry, we need to stop this interview right now or I don´t know what I´ll do.

Host:

Our exploration:
Ok, so we are centralists to these two main groups and their inner divisions and we are caught in between this debate, so we split our time between the ExBs and ExDs trying to come up with a different approach.

The newest project of Bridgesign consists in creating an A.I toy that will interact with the families from this two worlds, and will act as spies, collecting data and picking up on what the children from these both spheres dream and wish for.

"Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the things you can think if you only try!" ~Theodor Geisel (Dr. Seuss)