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The populations in every nation state are divided into two distinct camps.

The first is for those who reject the 'post-truth' culture and want to live lives governed by facts, experts, and order. The second is for those who embrace the 'post-truth' culture and prefer the trustworthiness of believing whatever they wish to believe.

The two groups live in separate areas and rarely have contact with each other; but both are quite happy about that.

Climate change has created mayhem across the planet but the rise in global temperatures has seemingly been stabilized.



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'Post-truth' culture has been illegalised, all statements by leaders (of whatever party or grouping) are fact checked by roaming AI robots who give 'yellow' warning notices for any falsehoods followed, after three occurrences in a year, by a 'red' card exile to an area formally known as Australia. Inmates must recant 'fake news', show remorse that can be verified by the warden AI Robots, subscribe to science weekly, and pass a truth sincerity audit before being released on 2 years' probation.

Iconic monuments have been erected to leading experts in many fields of scientific and literature endeavour, including one to the descendants of Una & Markus. CERN has been granted an open-ended funding commitment by the sole remaining political entity: the global Green Party that is headquartered in Stockholm. The Future Circular Collider is in now known as the CC and is in its 4th upgrade configuration.

Human habitation throughout the inner planets is well established and thriving



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Climate change has been reversed through fierce enforcement of a zero emissions global policy by roaming armed AI Robots. The only legitimate generation of electricity is either solar, wind or nuclear fusion. The International emissions control authority (IECA) has successfully prosecuted several 'post truth' fundamentalist world leaders and rogue industrialists at the Hague for 'crimes against the planet'. Isolated pockets of 'post truthers' hide in remote, largely underground outposts. The authorities leave these groups alone, although occasional drone footage shows members spraying 'just stop telling the truth' confetti at sports events.



The History channel runs countless documentaries about how chaotic it was when 'post-truth' was allowed as a belief system even in segregated areas.

Love Island has been replaced by Love Planet where contestants demonstrate what they have done for 'truth' to emerge as the dominant cultural norm. Global weekly voting is announced through the host AI Robot. The annual winner receives a long and sincere hug from one of Greta Thunberg's descendants.



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Following the violent and brutal 2180 to 2185 'global fiction' uprising, post-truth culture dominates. Human experts have been replaced by machines who make the best of unclear instructions from populist leaders who are enthusiastically elected on wild promises. Manipulation of the masses by unscrupulous leaders is accepted in a astonishingly willing return to serfdom.

Monuments of the leading experts have long ago been torn down, burned, and replaced by massive middle fingers. The CERN campus has been sacked and trophies taken by gangs of horn wearing insurrectionists. The CC has been abandoned and the entrance bizarrely blocked by a 1960's London red bus.

Climate change has returned with a vengeance and the world population has halved through natural disasters. Mass migration from the equatorial regions to the poles has resulted in house prices in the Falkland Islands and Tromsö skyrocketing.

The assemblies of human habitation throughout the inner planets have all banned transportation to and from earth.



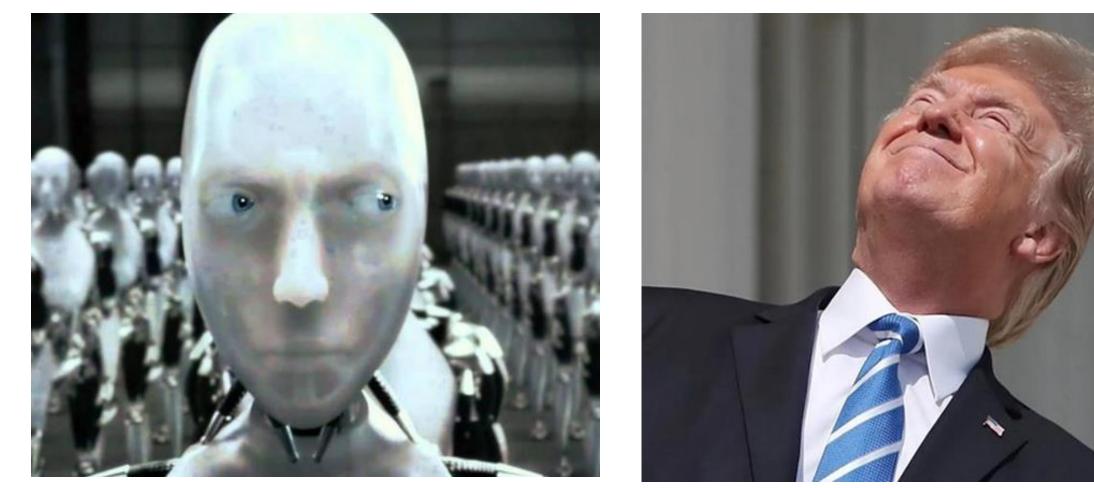


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The History channel runs documentaries of how, in the late 2180s, the programmers of the AI Robots who previously handed out yellow and red cards were hunted down, prosecuted, and imprisoned in the very area that they incarcerated people to. The red button allows subscribers to run their own versions of history.

Love Planet has been replaced by Love Yourself where contestants demonstrate what they have done for 'post truth' to emerge as the dominant cultural norm. Global weekly voting is announced through the robot host and the annual winner receives a long and sincere hug from one of Donald Trump's [alleged] descendants.

WHAT COULD POSSIBLY GO WRONG?



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