The Semantic Condition



Stephen Downes October 24, 2010 Network Design Principles

- Specifies how networks differ from traditional learning
- The idea is that each principle confers an *advantage* over non-network systems
- Can be used as a means of evaluating new technology

- 1. Decentralize
- 2. Distribute
- 3. Disintermediate
- 4. Disaggregate

- 5. Dis-integrate
- 6. Democratize
- 7. Dynamize
- 8. Desegregate

Principle 6 – 'Democratize' is the Semantic Condition

But what is Democracy?

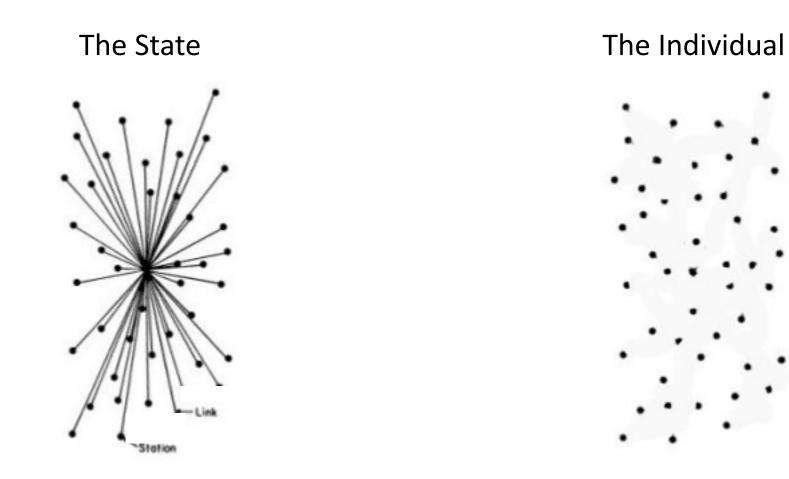
- Rule by the people
- But how?

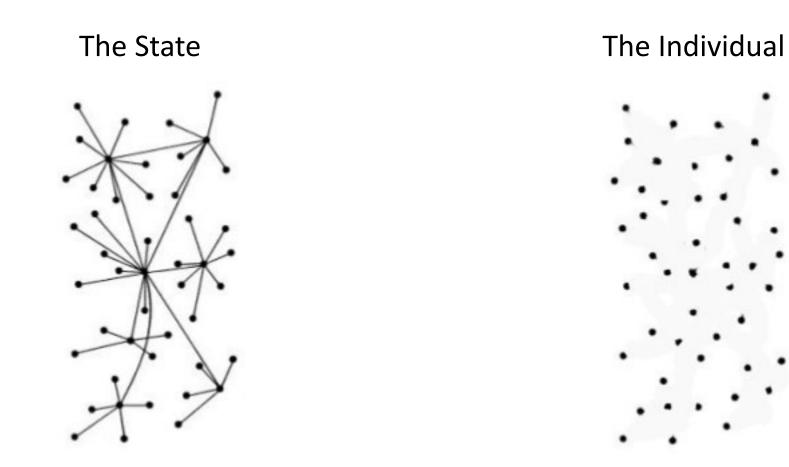
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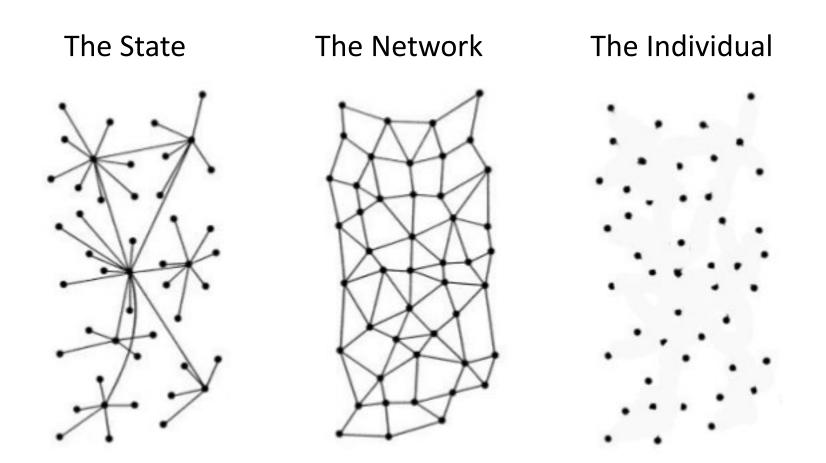
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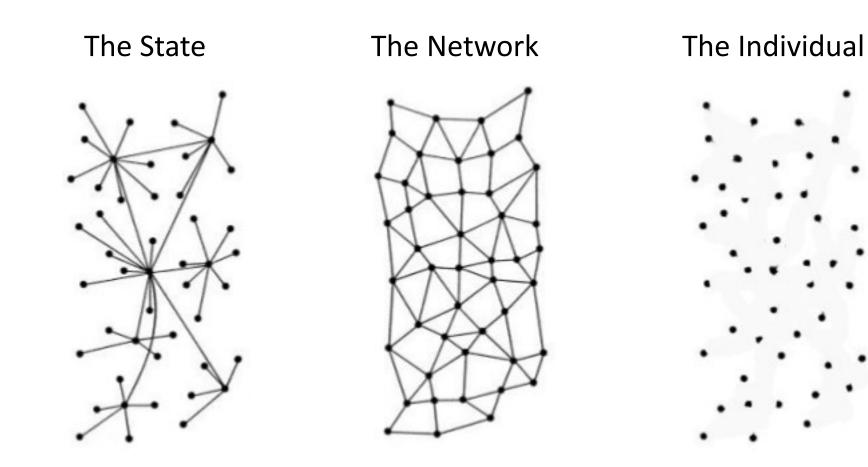


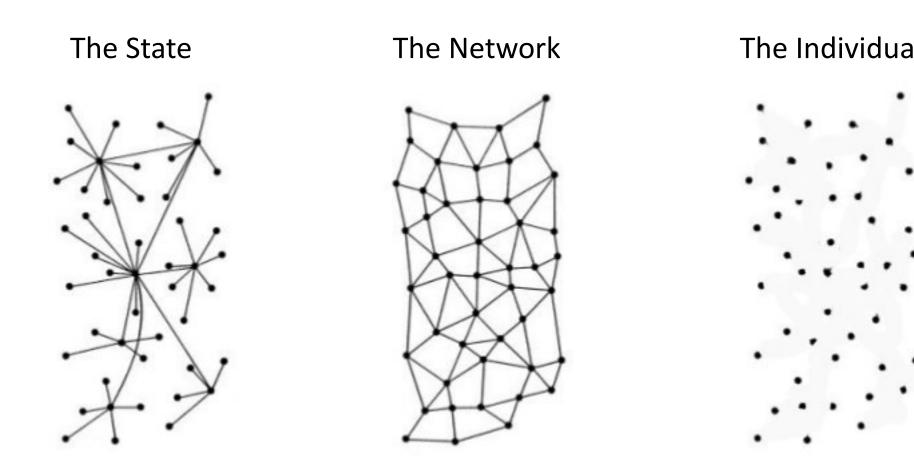


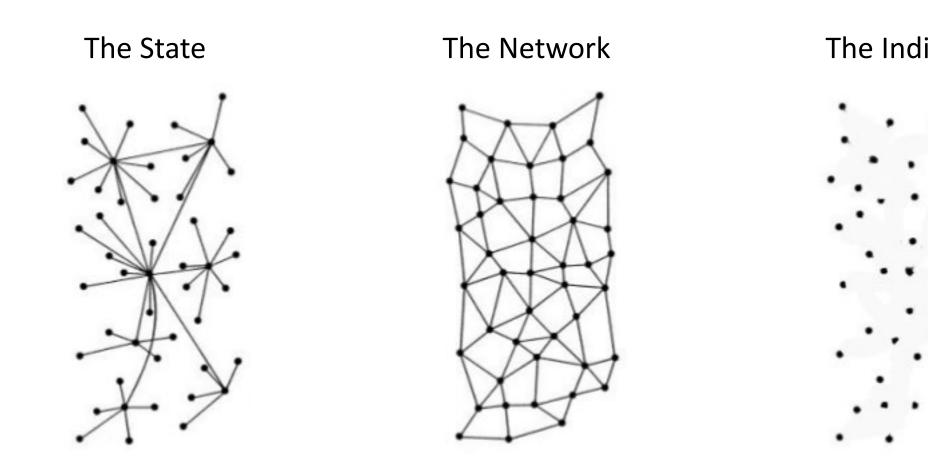


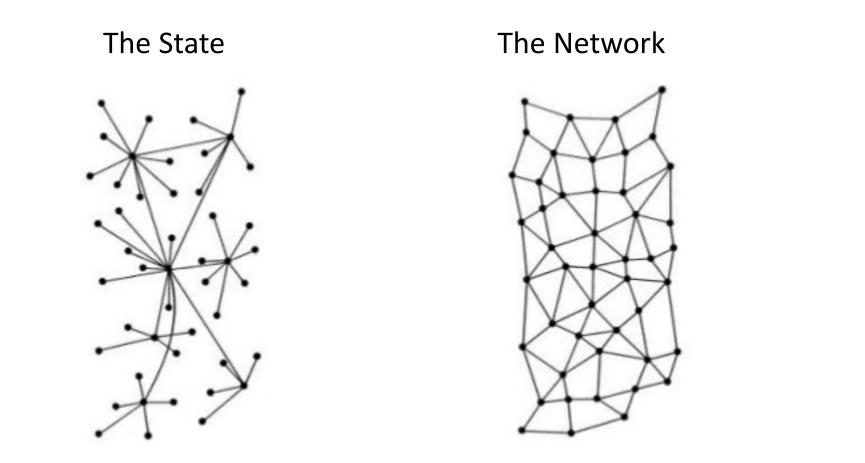






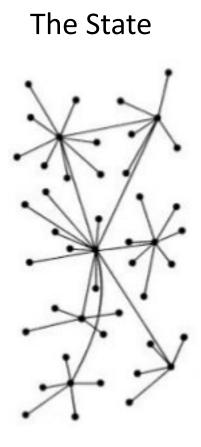




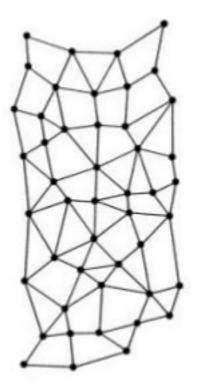


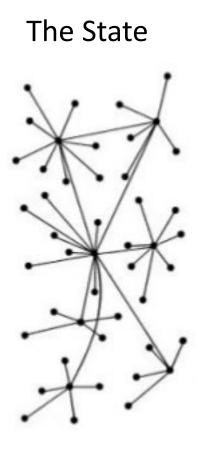
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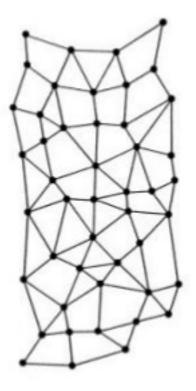


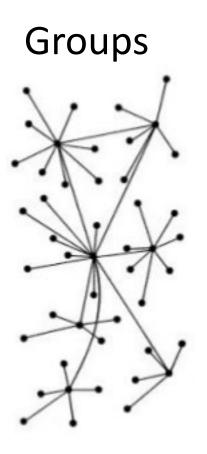
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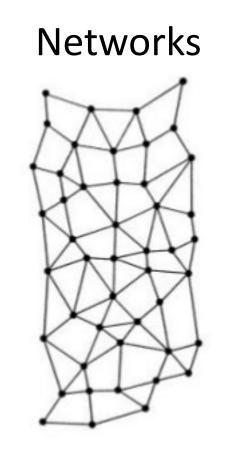


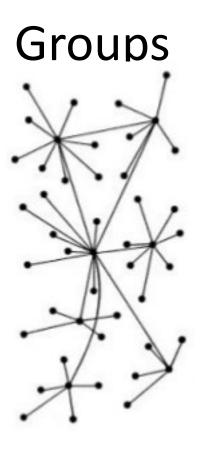


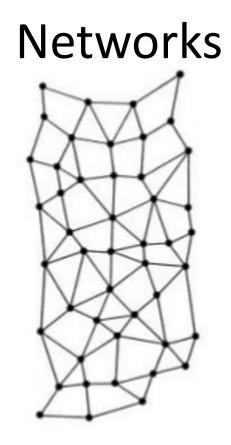
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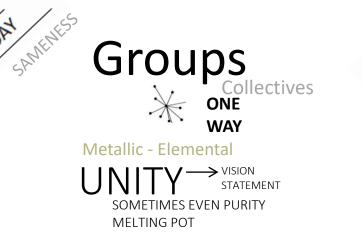






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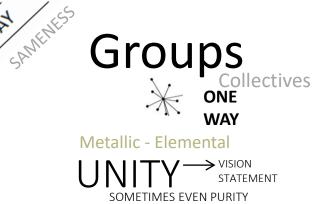


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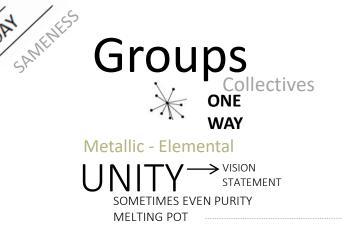
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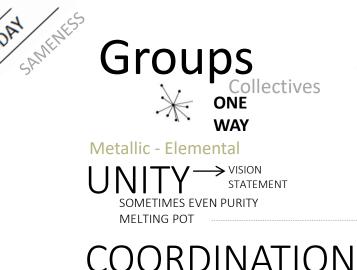


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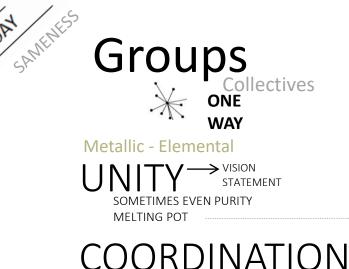


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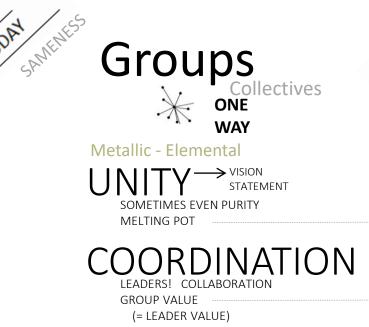
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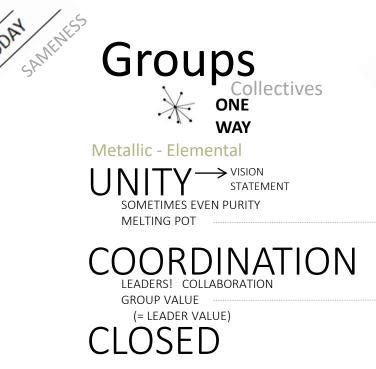
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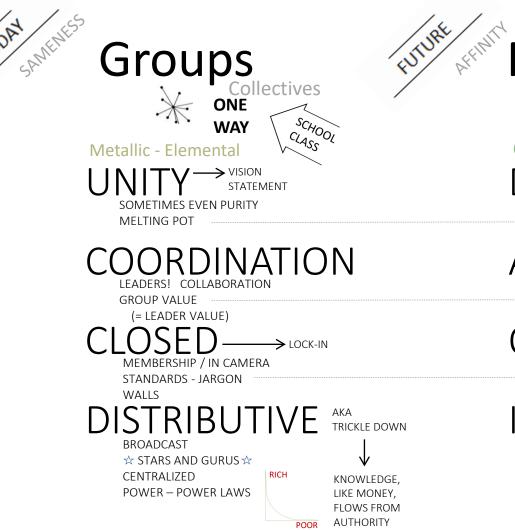
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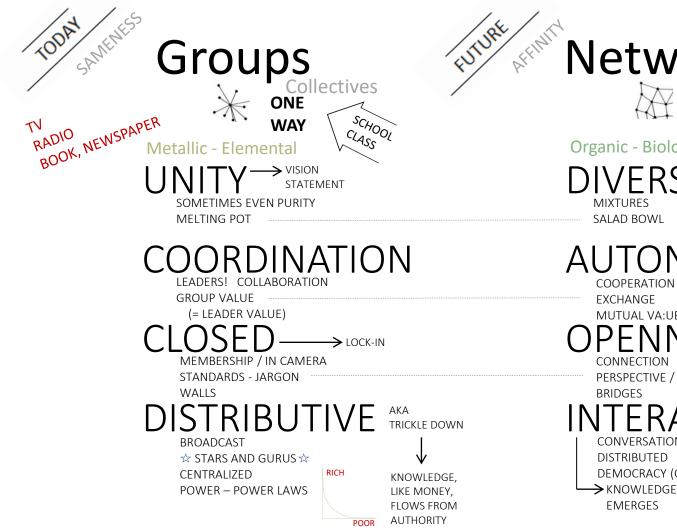
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