

Week 6 - Provotypes + Experiments

#1 - Celestia NYT Article

Participants thought it was clever and really interesting. The article made sense but the concept had a lot of questions. Maybe there could be more explanation or extension of the ideas. What would the limitations be of an online government? The idea of the nation could be built on, more writing or something more interactive. Might make more sense further in the future? They also brought up surveillance which is a good thing to think about.

#2 - Means Supply Co.

Feedback: The idea of selling the means of large-scale industrial production as personal DIY kits is clear and humorous. It playfully reveals how complex, inaccessible, and corporation-dependent these industries have become. The category filters, product cards, "Add to order" buttons, and order form worked as expected.

#3 - The Common Account

Feedback: The contradiction of pooling everyone's money in one account while limiting each person to their own contribution is compelling. Showing other people's transactions in real time reframes personal finance as part of a larger collective system. The shared balance, personal withdrawal limit, transaction filters, and withdrawal process were all easy to understand without additional instructions.

#4 - Ask a Tree

Participants said they wish they knew how the tree decided, but I feel like the fact that there's no explanation is part of the point. The tree is nonsensical.