## Making Waves During a Time of Crisis

2020 Impact



### Living Our Values

"We empower policy-makers, civic organizations, companies, and the public to be responsible stewards of technology and digital media in the service of an informed, just, and equitable world.

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#### **COVID-19 Challenge Grant**

Funding tech solutions to help mitigate the effects of the coronavirus pandemic

### **Anti-racism Pledge Tracker**

Monitoring commitments to diversity, equity, and inclusion from US tech and media companies

### **Axios Codebook**

Launching a newsletter to lead the national conversation on cybersecurity and our future

### The Day After

Preparing every major US newsroom and tech platform for a potential contested election

#### **Fail Forward**

Fostering innovation in local government by helping officials embrace their mistakes

Rising to the Moment



## Driving Timely Conversations for the Public

### **More Than**

25 Virtual Programs

Over Joined
Us
Live

18 YouTube Views

## Making Sense of a Changing World

- How News Media Covers Race in America
- COVID-19 and the Digital Divide
- Half-Truths, Lies, and Critical Information in a Pandemic
- Intimacy in Isolation: Tech and Human Connection
- Free Speech and the Internet
- o ...and many more



# Convening Decision-Makers to Drive Change

More Than

35 Off-the-Record
Roundtables

1.6 Experts
Participated

- Government officials (Members of Congress, Secretaries of State)
- Law enforcement Department of Justice, FBI,
   Secret Service
- Major newsroøm executives at Associated Press, CNN, New York Times
- The big social media platforms (Facebook, Google, Twitter)
- Industry leaders from Apple, IBM, Verizon



### Catching Public Attention













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