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.

A program of the Aspen Institute, we shine a light on urgent global issues across cybersecurity, the information ecosystem, emerging technology, the industry talent pipeline, tech and communications policy, and urban innovation.”
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 4k Joined Us Live
18k+ 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
- ...and many more
Convening Decision-Makers to Drive Change

More Than
35 Off-the-Record Roundtables

1.6k+ Experts Participated

- Government officials (Members of Congress, Secretaries of State)
- Law enforcement - Department of Justice, FBI, Secret Service
- Major newsroom 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

85+ News Stories

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