



## Quote Quest



### Douglas Rushkoff - What Are Human Beings?

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Douglas Rushkoff (born 1961) is an American media theorist known for his writing on internet culture and technology. His early books were optimistic about the internet's promise to create a new open society, but over the years he has become concerned about Big Tech, surveillance capitalism and what he calls "The Mindset" - tech billionaires' belief that it's better to make enough money to insulate themselves from the damage they're causing, than to stop the damage.

“Human beings are  
not the \_\_\_\_\_;  
we are the \_\_\_\_\_”

DOUGLAS RUSHKOFF

## Questions

1. What words are missing from the quote?
2. Do you agree with the statement in the quote?
3. Are technological advancements always in the best interest of humanity, in your opinion?  
Can technology be at odds with our interest?
4. Do we always need technological solutions for our problems? Can you think of examples for when we don't?
5. How can we ensure that technology remains a positive tool rather than becoming a problem itself?
6. Can you think of a current event or an event from your own life that corresponds with the quote?  
Does it relate to a tv show, a movie, a game or a book that you like?
7. Make up your own quote or saying. If you had one message to convey to the world, what would it be?