

## 50 Great Articles and Essays from 2025

The best longform journalism of 2025: interesting articles and essays from around the net

### Science & Technology

#### **The Quantum Apocalypse Is Coming. Be Very Afraid by Amit Katwala**

What happens when quantum computers can finally crack encryption and break into the world's best-kept secrets?

#### **A Strange Fascination by Zack Savitsky**

Studies of exotic materials called "strange metals" point to a whole new way to understand electricity

#### **A Dutch Architect's Vision of Cities That Float on Water by Kyle Chayka**

What if building on the water could be safer and sturdier than building on flood-prone land?

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## The Internet

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### **Coming of Age at the Dawn of the Social Internet by Kyle Chayka**

Online platforms allowed me to cultivate a freer version of myself. Then the digital world began to close off.

### **The Tyranny of the Algorithm by Kyle Chayka**

Why every coffee shop looks the same

### **Beyond Doomscrolling by Charlie Warzel**

The internet we have, and the one we want

### **On the Grid by Zoë Hitzig**

How surveillance became a love language

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## Artificial Intelligence

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### **The Future Is Too Easy by David Roth**

There is something unstable at the most basic level about any space with too much capitalism happening in it...

### **AI Means the End of Internet Search as We've Known It by Mat Honan**

Despite fewer clicks, copyright fights, and sometimes iffy answers, AI could unlock new ways to summon all the world's knowledge.

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## Brain Rot

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### **Short Video Isn't Just Rotting Our Brains. It's Rewiring Them. by Katherine Dee**

Short-form video is the logical outgrowth of an increasingly oral culture.

### **What if the Attention Crisis Is All a Distraction? by Daniel Immerwahr**

From the pianoforte to the smartphone, each wave of tech has sparked fears of brain rot. But the problem isn't our ability to focus—it's what we're focussing on.

### **My Brain Finally Broke by Jia Tolentino**

Much of what we see now is fake, and the reality we face is full of horrors. More and more of the world is slipping beyond my comprehension.

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## Education

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### **How the Ivy League Broke America by David Brooks**

The meritocracy isn't working. We need something new.

### **Everyone Is Cheating Their Way Through College by James D. Walsh**

ChatGPT has unraveled the entire academic project

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## Parenting

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### **Should We Think of Our Children as Strangers? by Joshua Rothman**

A new line of inquiry asks us to imagine them as random individuals who just happen to live in our homes.

### **Spermocalypse by Rosecrans Baldwin**

One man journeys through the many movements—sci-fi startups, DIY donor clubs, group masturbation retreats—urgently attempting to address the impending spermocalypse.

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## Body Image

### **What Tweens Get from Sephora and What They Get from Us by Jia Tolentino**

Kids are mimicking the semi-professionals they see on their phones, imbibing ideas about beauty rooted in deep desires and capitulations.

### **Gay Men Have Long Been Obsessed With Their Muscles. Now Everyone Is. by Mark Harris**

In Hollywood, on Instagram and beyond, the male-on-male gaze still decides what's hot and what's not.

### **Why Is Everyone Getting Their Tattoos Removed? by Carrie Battan**

For decades, Americans were covering their bodies with more and more tattoos. Now, they're getting them removed as fast as they can.

### **What Porn Taught a Generation of Women by Sophie Gilbert**

It colored our ambitions, our sense of self, our relationships, our bodies, our work, and our art.

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## Health

### **I Called it Telekinesis by Jenny Kleeman**

Elon Musk put a chip in this paralysed man's brain. Now he can move things with his mind. Should we be amazed - or terrified?

### **The Price of Remission by David Armstrong**

When I was diagnosed with cancer, I set out to understand why a single pill of Revlimid cost the same as a new iPhone.

### **The Miseducation of America's Nurse Practitioners by Caleb Melby, Polly Mosendz and Noah Buhayar**

They don't merely support doctors—NPs increasingly treat patients independently, including in specialty practices and emergency rooms. When they aren't well trained, the results can be tragic.

### **Cycling's Silent Epidemic by Gloria Liu**

Too many women stop riding their bikes because of labial swelling and pain. Here's why it happens, what they can do about it, and how to prevent it in the first place.

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## Work

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### **The Wealth Whisperers by Sophie Elmhirst**

The consultants who save super-rich families from themselves

### **The Last Stand of the Call-Centre Worker by Sophie Elmhirst**

AI is poised to eliminate customer-service agents. We'll miss them when they're gone

### **How to Disappear by Benjamin Wallace**

Inside the world of extreme-privacy consultants, who, for the right fee, will make you and your personal information very hard to find

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## Travel

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### **Eastern Promises by Dylan Levi King**

In a Tokyo of tourists, the citizens have become strangers

### **Why You've Never Been In A Plane Crash by Kyra Dempsey**

The United States leads the world in airline safety. That's because of the way we assign blame when accidents do happen.

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## Memoir

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### **The Birth of My Daughter, the Death of My Marriage by Leslie Jamison**

Now that I was doing little besides keeping this tiny creature alive, it was impossible to ignore my desire to wander the streets with our baby, in ever-widening loops away from home.

### **The Last Rave by Emily Witt**

In the summer of 2020, I felt as if I'd entered the wrong portal, out of the world I knew and into its bizarro twin.

### **The Boy Who Came Back by Archie Bland**

The near-death, and changed life, of my son Max

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## Misc.

### **The Canary by Michael Lewis**

Each spring, the most interesting organization that no one's ever heard of collects nominations for the most important awards that most people will never know were handed out.

### **The Rise and Fall of the Trad Wife by Sophie Elmhirst**

Alena Kate Pettitt helped lead an online movement promoting domesticity. Now she says, "It's become its own monster."

### **The Art of Turning a Tree Into a Dog by Sophie Elmhirst**

For a recent contest, topiarists—gardeners who clip plants into elaborate sculptures—displayed their creations to the world.

### **The Curious Case of the Pygmy Nuthatch by Forrest Wickman**

It was one of the weirdest errors ever committed to film. It took me months to uncover how it all went wrong.

### **The Polycrisis by Brandy Jensen**

Why can't we stop talking about nonmonogamy?

## History

### **Israel and the Delusions of Germany's 'Memory Culture' by Pankaj Mishra**

Germany embraced Israel to atone for its wartime guilt. But was this in part a way to avoid truly confronting its past?

### **This Is the Holocaust Story I Said I Wouldn't Write by Taffy Brodesser-Akner**

For years, my friend's father asked me to recount his childhood escape from the Nazis. Why did it take me this long?

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## Food

### **How My Trip to Quit Sugar Became a Journey Into Hell by Caity Weaver**

For my whole life, I've been a hard-core sweets junkie. Could a spa help me quit in a week?

### **Why Is the American Diet So Deadly? by Dhruv Khullar**

A scientist tried to discredit the theory that ultra-processed foods are killing us. Instead, he overturned his own understanding of obesity.

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## Death

### **If My Dying Daughter Could Face Her Mortality, Why Couldn't the Rest of Us? by Sarah Wildman**

She turned to me and asked, "What if this is the best I ever feel again?" Three hundred and seventy-six days later, she was dead.

### **What Do You Do After You Accidentally Kill a Child? by Joshua St. Clair**

The worst Thursday of Ryan Nickerson's life started like any other...

### **A Man Was Murdered in Cold Blood and You're Laughing? by Jia Tolentino**

What the death of a health-insurance C.E.O. means to America.

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## Politics

### **The Populist Phantom by Larry M. Bartels**

Democracy erodes from the top

### **Wishful Thinking by Amanda Chicago Lewis**

The aspirations and failures of the United Nations

### **The Anti-Social Century by Derek Thompson**

Americans are now spending more time alone than ever. It's changing our personalities, our politics, and even our relationship to reality.

### **A New Rallying Cry for the Irony-Poisoned Right by Jia Tolentino**

It took less than twenty-four hours after Trump's reelection for young men to take up a slogan that could define the coming era of gendered regression: "Your body, my choice."

### **The Army of God Comes Out of the Shadows by Stephanie McCrummen**

Tens of millions of American Christians are embracing a charismatic movement known as the New Apostolic Reformation, which seeks to destroy the secular state.

### **The Loudest Megaphone by Chris Hayes**

How Trump mastered our new attention age

### **Inside Elon Musk's 'Digital Coup' by Makena Kelly, David Gilbert, Vittoria Elliott, Kate Knibbs, Dhruv Mehrotra, Dell Cameron, Tim Marchman, Leah Feiger, and Zoë Schiffer**

Musk's loyalists at DOGE have infiltrated dozens of federal agencies, pushed out tens of thousands of workers, and siphoned millions of people's most sensitive data. The next step: Unleash the AI.

### **'I Run the Country and the World' by Ashley Parker and Michael Scherer**

Donald Trump believes he's invincible. But the cracks are beginning to show.

### **The Short-Circuiting of the American Mind by Megan Garber**

A century-old book foresaw Trump's most basic strategy

### **We Are Sleepwalking Into Autocracy by David Remnick**

Senator Chris Murphy, of Connecticut, describes how free and fair elections might end in America as soon as 2026

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## Crime & Punishment

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### **Priscila, Queen of the Rideshare Mafia by Lauren Smiley**

She came to the US with a dream. Using platforms like Uber, Instacart, and DoorDash, she built a business empire up from nothing. There was just one problem.

### **Alone by Natalia Galicza**

Researchers and lawmakers are only beginning to understand what solitary confinement does to a person

### **The Kidnapping I Can't Escape by Taffy Brodesser-Akner**

Fifty years ago, my father's friend was taken at gunpoint on Long Island. Then he went on with his life — and that's the part that haunts me.

### **The British Museum's Blockbuster Scandals by Rebecca Mead**

While facing renewed accusations of cultural theft, the institution announced that it had been the victim of actual theft—from someone on the inside.

### **The Hold-Up Artist by Malcolm Johnston**

Inside the rise and fall of the Vaulter Bandit

### **They Stole a Quarter-Billion in Crypto and Got Caught Within a Month by Mitch Moxley**

How luxury cars, \$500,000 bar tabs and a mysterious kidnapping attempt helped investigators unravel the heist of a lifetime

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## Climate Change

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### **The Planetary Fix by Rob Jackson**

Despite decades of inaction we can restore the atmosphere to keep our world habitable

### **First Drought, Then Flood by Brooke Jarvis**

When Californians aren't thirsting for water, they're drowning in it. But experts see a way to navigate climate swings.

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## War

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### **How Israel Has Made Trauma a Weapon of War by Naomi Klein**

Memorials to the 7 October attacks use art, virtual reality and dark tourism to stir support for limitless violence.

### **The Deserter by Sarah A. Topol**

Deserting Putin's army and the Russia-Ukraine war

### **How Suicide Drones Transformed the Front Lines in Ukraine by C.J. Chivers**

Outnumbered and desperate, the nation began hacking cheap consumer drones with explosives — bringing a brutal new form of violence to 21st-century warfare.

### **Render it Unusable by Meron Rapoport and Oren Ziv**

Israel's mission of total urban destruction

### **After Nonviolence by Ben Ehrenreich**

The end of peaceful resistance in Palestine

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