

Radical Librarians

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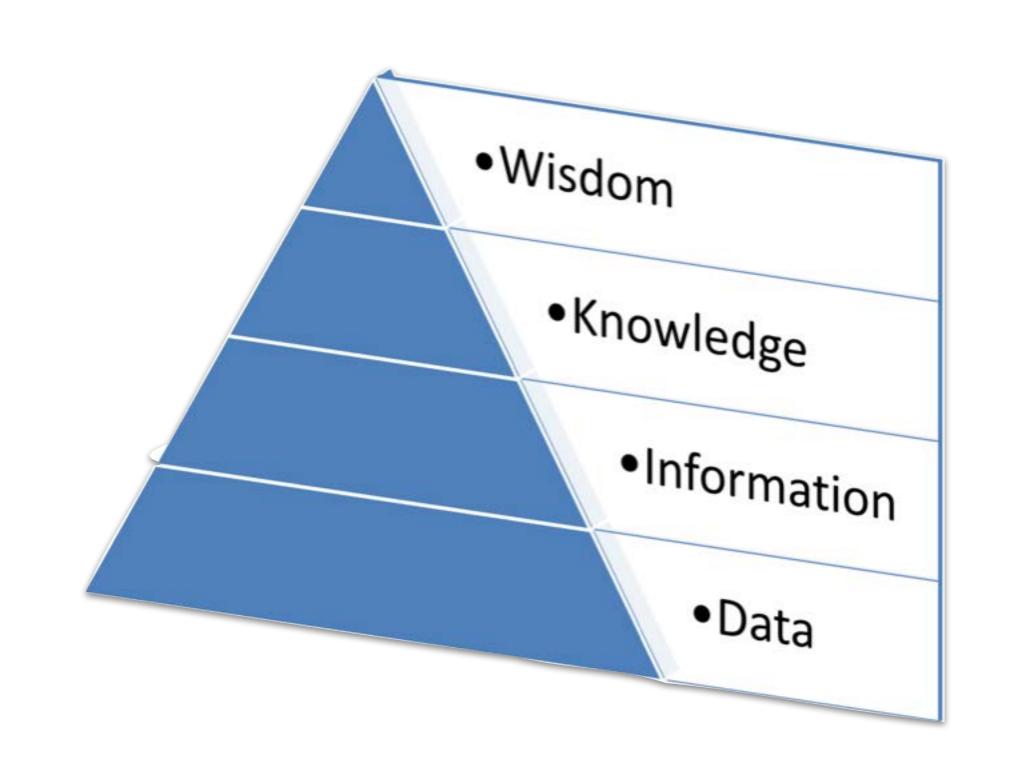
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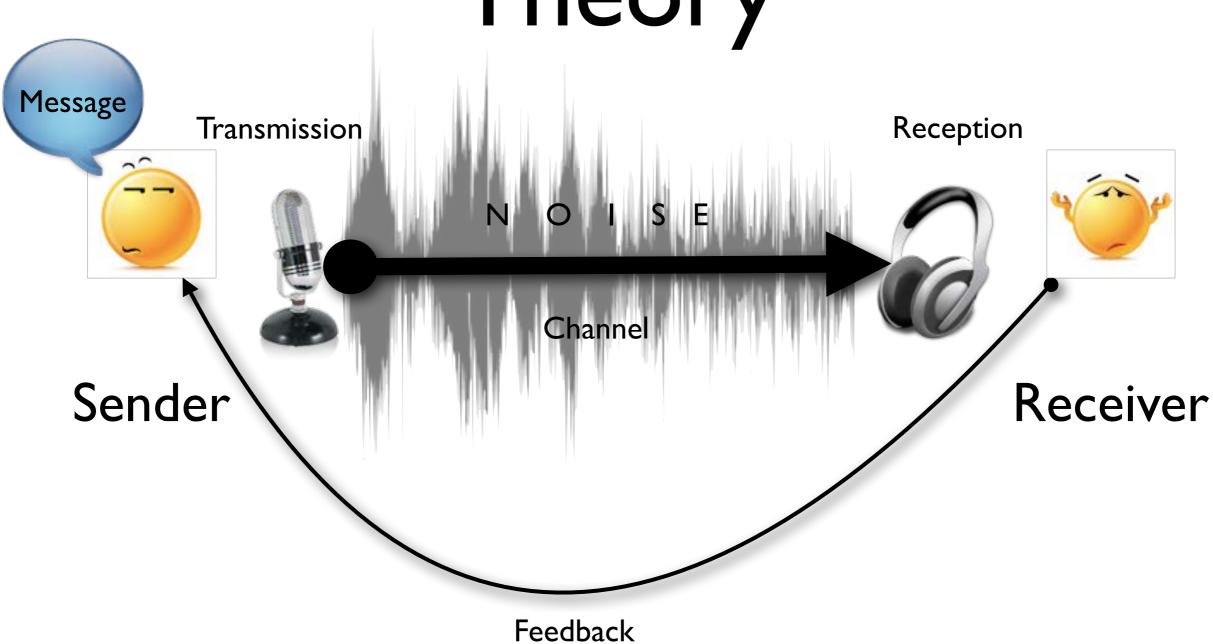
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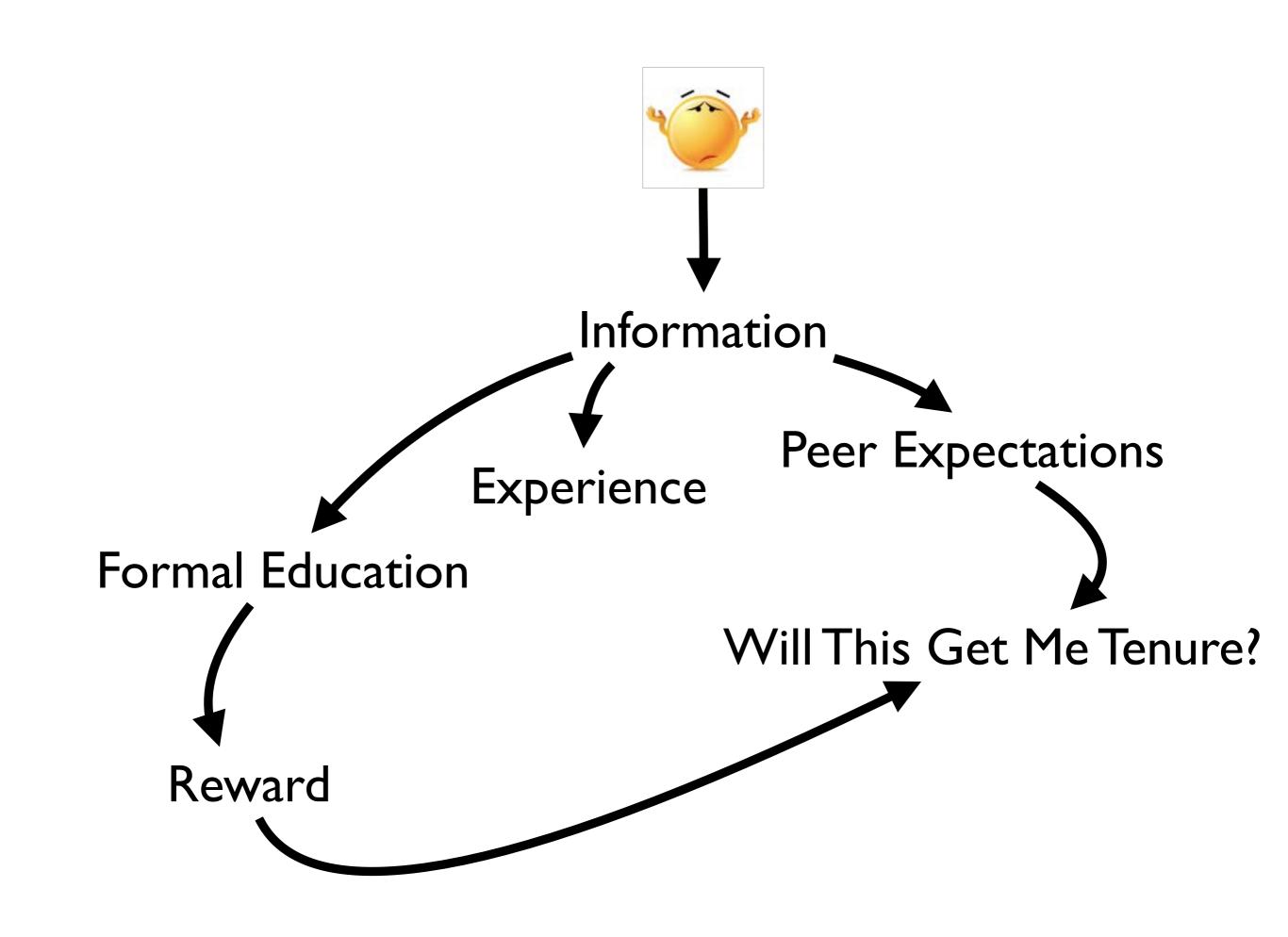
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Shannon's Information Theory







A Shift from Information to Knowledge=Shift From External to Internal

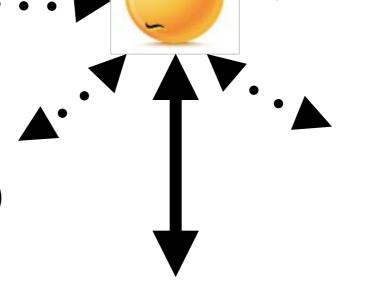
- From Teaching to Learning in Education
- From Authority to Reliability in Credibility
- From Text to Reader in Humanities
- From System to User to Social in Software
- From Universal Reductionism to Individual Construction
- From Library to Librarian
- From Consumer to Participant

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Science)

Critical Theory (Power, Neo-Liberalism)



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Silos

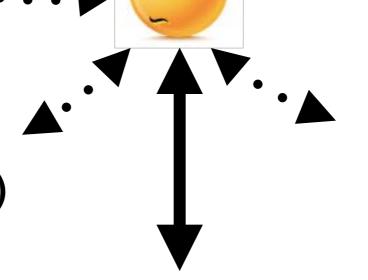
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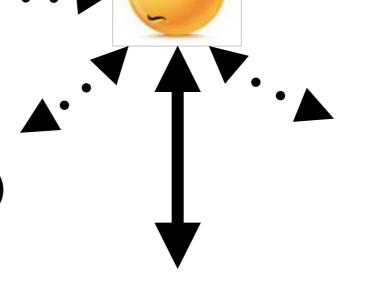


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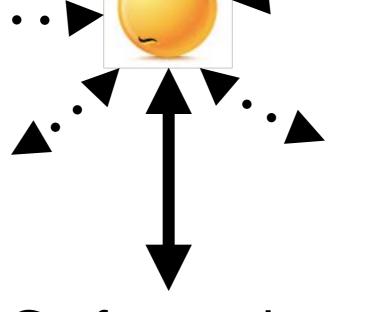


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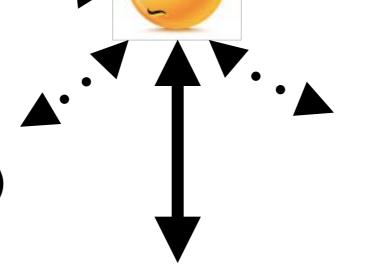
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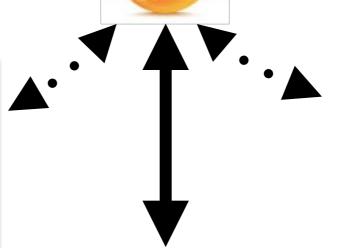
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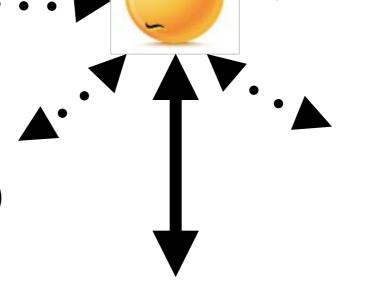
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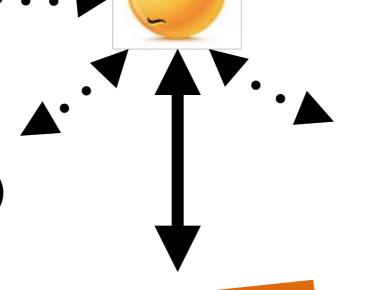
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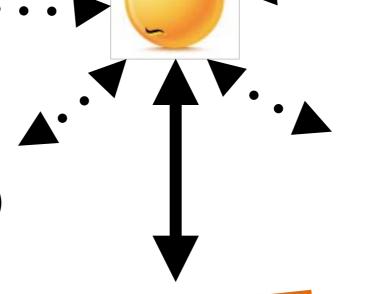


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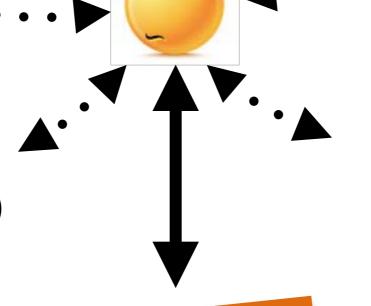
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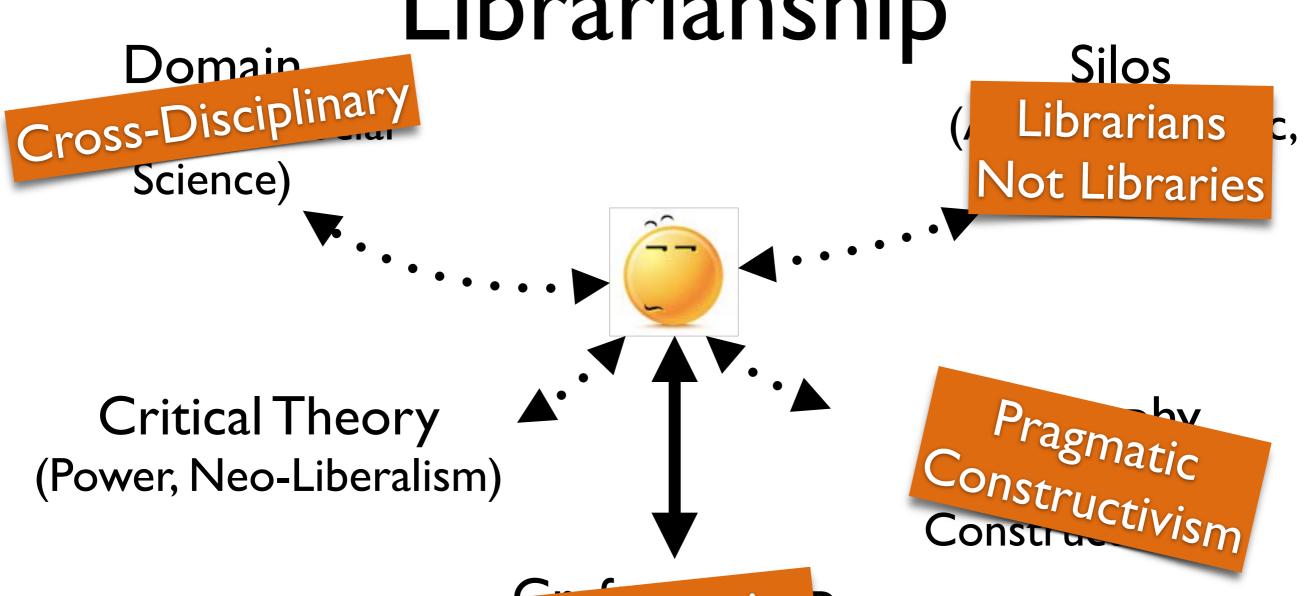
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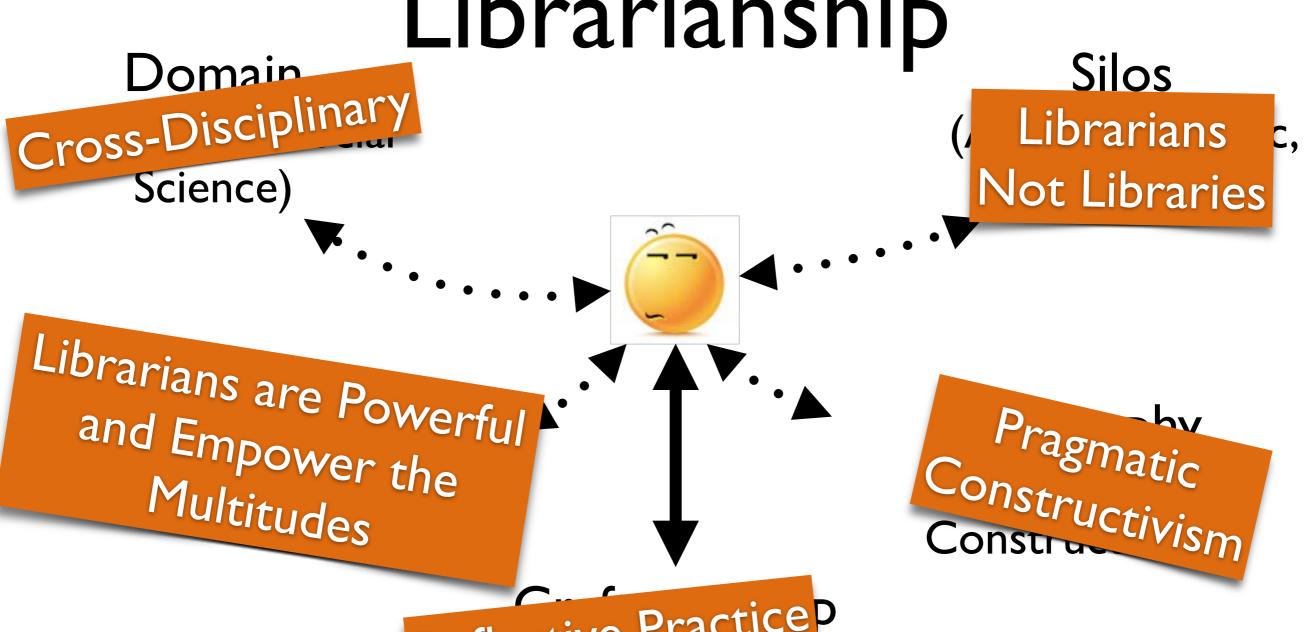
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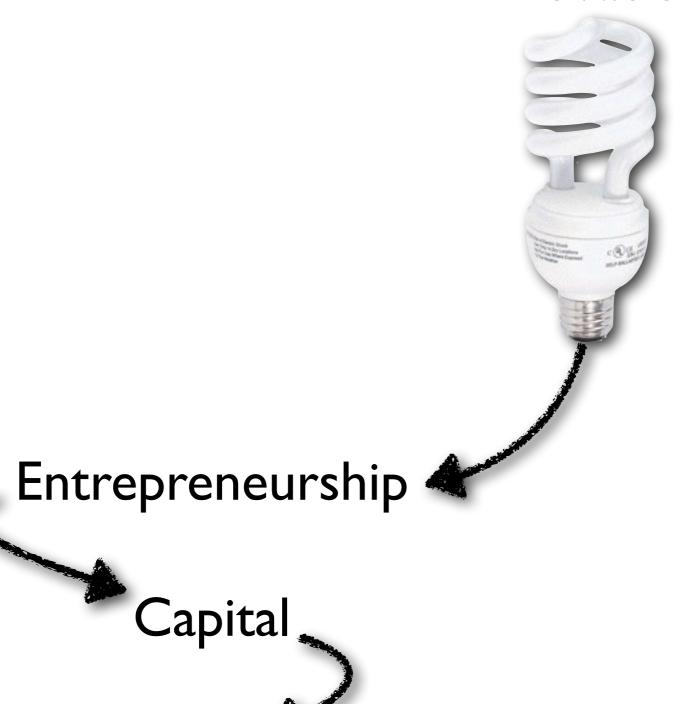






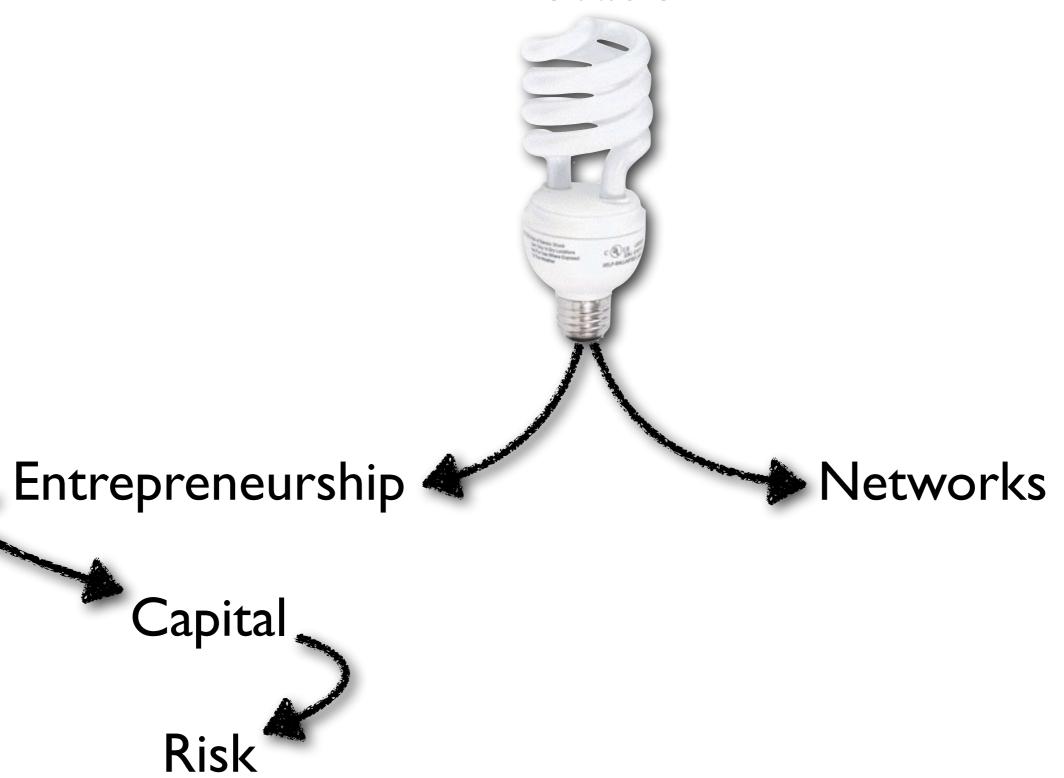
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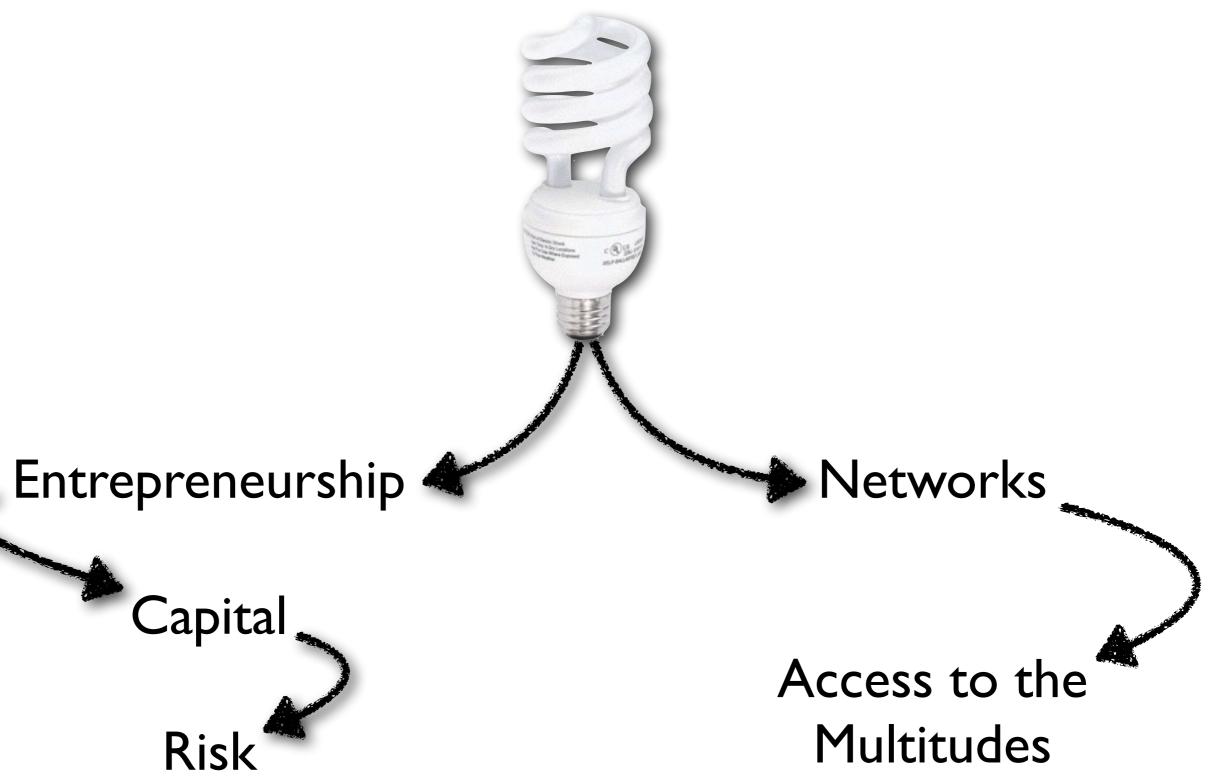
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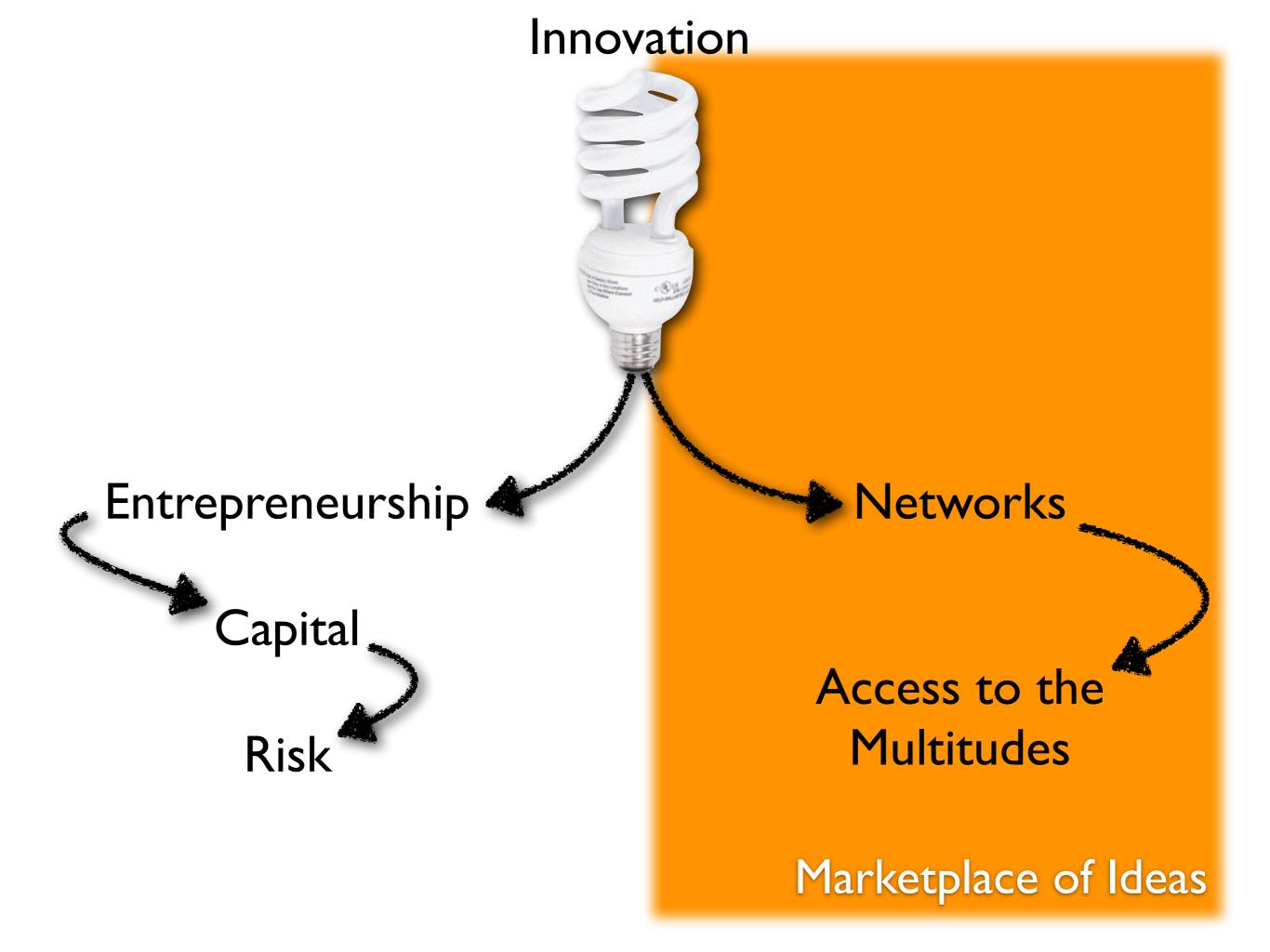
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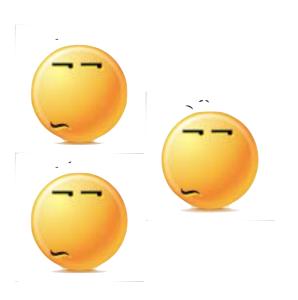
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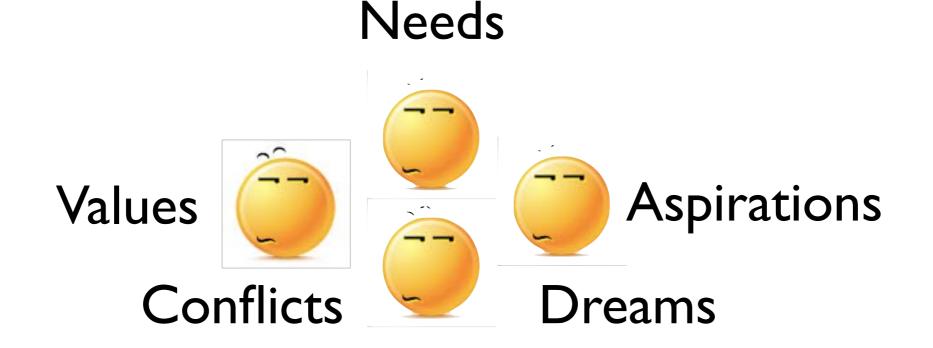
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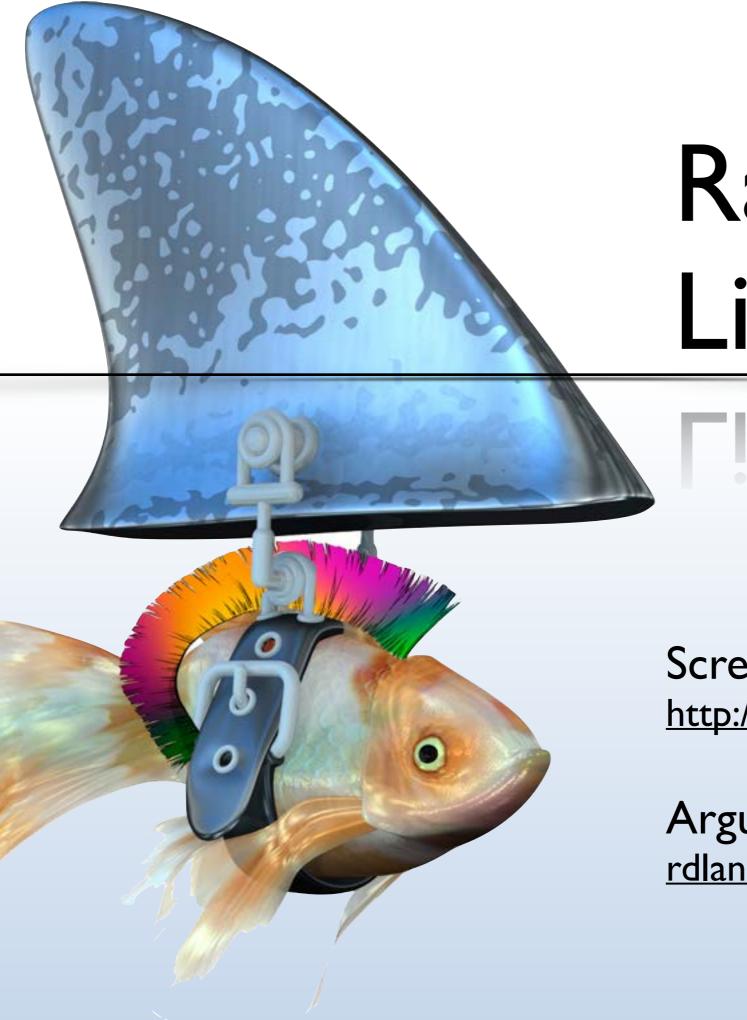
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