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Musings

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I recommend going back and watching the RBG documentary or the film “On the Basis of Sex.” Amazing to see what RBG accomplished in her lifetime from not being able to get a job because she was a Jewish woman to being the first woman to lie in state in the Capitol Rotunda. She once said “Real change, enduring change, happens one step at a time.” Other good quotes at [17-powerfully-inspiring-quotes-from-ruth-bader-ginsburg](#). Hope we can move our society to more of an RBG culture vs a Trump culture. Put the “superego” back in control of the “id” if I remember my psychology class from 35 years ago.

I don’t really know anything about Amy Coney Barrett but you have to respect anyone who has seven children including adopting two from Haiti and one with Down’s Syndrome.

Moore’s law is dead. The principle that the number of transistors on a microchip will double every 18 months to 2 years held true for decades but now chips are so small it has stalled out. According to WSJ, it is now being replaced by Huang’s law after Nvidia founder. Huang’s law is that silicon chips that power artificial intelligence more than double in performance every two years. [huangs-law-is-the-new-moores-law](#). Technology has created amazing things in the business world. Unfortunately, I think one major downside is what social media is doing to our children.

I am increasingly from the camp that the general government approach on Covid 19 is overly restrictive. Good article in The Hill (thanks to my brother Mark for sharing) - [the-data-are-in-stop-the-panic-and-end-the-total-isolation](#). Governor of Florida doing a student “bill of rights” to push back on restrictive campus policies. More parents pushing to get their kids back in elementary/secondary schools. We need to protect teachers (especially those in higher risk groups) but I think you can do that and have kids come to school. In Illinois, private club teams playing all of their games out of state where Governor Pritzker cannot control them.

I encourage everyone to dig into facts of the various cases dominating the news and not just trust the media. Narratives can become disconnected from the actual facts of a situation with our national media deliberately exaggerating to drive viewership. See this from Eric Zorn, a liberal Chicago Tribune writer: [column-breonna-taylor-lightfoot-pritzker-preckwinkle-justice-zorn](#). For those who want to “reestablish the middle” like me, suggest you turn off Fox News, CNN and MSNBC and turn on the new news channel from WGN called NewsNation.

Lots of discussion in higher education about the “Hyflex” model which combines in classroom with online. The student decides if they want to go in person or not. Our daughter has a Hyflex class at TCU and has yet to attend in person because she has gotten used to attending from her dorm room. You need the relevant video hardware and software but I think this modality will continue to be popular. As

a I wrote about Peloton months ago, giving the consumer the control of choosing how they want to consume is a winning approach.

Be safe.

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