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# We Appreciate Power: A Multimodal Critical Discourse Analysis of Grimes' Music Video Posted on YouTube

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#### **Abstract**

The aim of this dissertation is to produce a multimodal critical discourse analysis of Grimes' video *We Appreciate Power*. This will serve to explore issues of ideology, identity and multilingualism in both the music video and the YouTube polylogues generated in the same web page. In this work I suggest that Grimes adopts a poststructuralist view that inherits Haraway's cyborg concept (1991) in this piece of multimedia. I claim that Grimes wanted to show the conflictive moral boundaries that the idea of the cyborg and trans-humanism casts upon Western civilization, such as the loss of free will but also the transgression of problematic dichotomies. The fact that the comment section of the video is available to use might signal that Grimes wanted to raise awareness about trans-humanism. By doing virtual ethnography research, examples of discussion about the relationship between the video and the studied polylogues will be examined regarding the notions of the cyborg and multilingualism.

Keywords: cyborg, multimodal critical discourse analysis, polylogue, virtual ethnography, YouTube.

#### 1. Introduction

The aim of this paper is to produce a Multimodal Critical Discourse Analysis of both Grimes' music video *We Appreciate Power* and the polylogue that YouTube originates by hosting this video. Although the scope of this work will be limited for reasons of time and extension, this paper wants to be an attempt to exemplify how the notion of Haraway's *cyborg* (1991) is reflected on both the video and its polylogues.

The methodology of this approach will consist of using multimodal techniques to consider how music, lyrics and video interact with each other to convey Grimes' discourse. Moreover, a virtual ethnographic research will be carried to gather data about the sociocultural meanings of YouTube participants' comments. The ways in which their semiotic choices interplay in relation to the music clip for meaning making will be also considered in the conclusions.

Grimes is the professional name of Claire Elise Boucher, who is known for her job as a singer, songwriter, record producer and visual artist. Being still considered a young and productive artist, Grimes has reached an important status in the field of pop culture. She has been increasingly becoming a relevant figure, developing an alternative career with a strong feminist voice inside the parameters of mainstream western society. In *We Appreciate Power*, I suggest that Grimes adopts a poststructuralist view that draws on the transgressions of boundaries made by Haraway's *cyborg* concept (1991).

It is also remarkable for this study to point out this music video contains lyrics and captions in English version as well as computer-algorithm translations in several central languages such as Spanish, Russian, Japanese, Arabic, among others throughout the whole video. These translations may constitute an artistic attempt to transmit a global

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As seen by the references on her latest work in several online articles published by popular musical magazines such as Pitchfork, RollingStone, Billboard or Stereogum (Kaufman, Klinkenberg, Mapes & Rettig, 2018).

and trans-national discourse using internet, and more precisely, YouTube as her main platform of mediation. Thus, due to its discursive controversiality, cases of multilingualism will be discussed. These will be related to explicit considerations made by polylogue participants on the issue of translating the video's lyrics using a computerized translator.

#### 2. Theoretical Framework

A great deal of work has been carried out on Critical Discourse Analysis (CDA). It is described by Van Dijk (2015: 466) as an "analytical research that primarily studies the way social-power abuse and inequality are enacted, reproduced, legitimated, and resisted by text and talk in the social and political context". Following its multidisciplinary approach, CDA does not merely describe discourse structures but tries to explain them in terms of properties of social interaction and, especially, social structure. Thus, as Fairclough and Wodak (1997, cited in Van Dijk 2015: 467) have stated, CDA's main objective is to "unveil" social problems, acknowledging that power relations are discursive; and so, discourse is a form of social action.

As Mayr (2008, cited in Van Dijk 2015: 469) argues, certain social groups have power when they are able to control the acts and minds of members from other groups. Therefore, this ability is constituted as a "privileged access to scarce social resources, such as force, money, status, fame, knowledge, information, 'culture', or indeed various forms of public discourse and communication". Since media constructs and spreads public discourse, it is reasonable to claim that media constitutes the link between society and discourse.

When we think about media and mediation, television is usually one of the first ideas that come to our minds. Even though television still holds some amount of power as a mechanism of mediation nowadays, we should consider the importance of YouTube as its contemporary successor of media broadcasting. This consideration has been supported by scholars such as Lister et al. (2009) & Tolson (2010, cited in Dynel 2014: 39), stating that YouTube is a form of post-television. In addition to this, the relevance of YouTube inside the field of Computer Mediated-Communication (CMC) is due to its worldwide usage and popularity. YouTube is a polylogue, a virtual platform where "users who have previously had no contact with each other, and who often have different worldviews, engage in audiovisual and textual interaction to discuss all sorts of current topics" (Bou-Franch & Garcés-Conejos, 2014: 20). Our interest in YouTube in this study lies in the importance and key role it has for the younger generations (and maybe the not so young) but also in the vast amount of researching possibilities of using virtual ethnography. The importance of ethnographic studies of social media platforms like YouTube is supported by a number of scholars, such as Lenihan & Kelly-Holmes (2016: 173) as online ethnographies are said to be "very useful for investigating multilingual choices, options and practices on websites since an ethnographic sensitivity 'makes explicit the taken-for-granted and often tacit ways in which people make sense of their lives" (Hine, 2000: 5 cited in Lenihan & Kelly-Holmes 2016: 173).

Helland (2018) published an interesting study related to CDA and YouTube about a Japanese Chicana rap artist called Mona AKA Sad Girl. As Helland states that "this genre-based study looks at how the artist constructs a feminist *glocal* identity through a combination of song lyrics, musical style, cultural iconography, body decoration, gesture and film techniques that localize the oppositional super-vernacular of Chicano rap while challenging discourses of patriarchy and nationalism" (2018: 25). By following the premises of Helland's study, the focus of this paper is to draw attention on Grimes music

video *We Appreciate Power* that can be relevant in exploring the interplay between multilingualism, ideology and identity.

Dealing with the notion of Haraway's cyborg, she considers that "the cyborg is a creature in a postgender world; it has no truck with bisexuality, pre-oedipal symbiosis, unalienated labor, or other seductions to organic wholeness through a final appropriation of all the powers of the parts into a higher unity" (1991: 8). In other words, it is the model of the cybernetic evolution: that of machine and human, a co-created techno-social assemblage with the capability of transcending the polarizing human conceptual boundaries. Therefore, Haraway's cyborg theory rejects the notions of essentialism, proposing instead a chimeric, monstrous world of fusions between animal and machine. This is due to the fact that 20th century machines have made ambiguous the lines between natural and artificial.

### 3. Multimodal Critical Discourse Analysis: Objectives and Methodology

The purpose behind the analysis of the video is to understand its social meaning by drawing attention to the relevant issues in the field of Multimodal Critical Discourse Analysis (MCDA). Cara states "all the choices in any semiosis are suitable material for a critical discursive investigation" (2017: 7). While CDA studies choices in language, MCDA examines choices of visual and musical features in texts (2017: 7) to understand their meanings. The relevance of this approach in this work is supported by Cara's claim that "discourses are always intertextually related to and dependent on other discourses; hence the need for addressing the plurality of these phenomena" (2017: 7).

In this piece of work it is crucial to thresh the main points and themes embodied in *We Appreciate Power*. In order to analyze this part of the media as a music video, I have taken the work of Vernallis (2004) as the main source of reference. By following

her approach, I will support her thesis that the debate if music video is fundamentally narrative or antinarrative is not analytically relevant. Thus, we primarily need to focus on its own context, in other words, the visual and musical techniques that enable us to consider its narrative dimension "such as underscoring the music, highlighting the lyrics, and showcasing the star" (2004: 3). In the case of We Appreciate Power, we can see that the narrative drive derives predominantly from the lyrics, then the music, and finally, the video serves as a visual medium to shape a 90s aesthetics. Vernallis' methodology for analyzing a music video consists in listing as many musical or visual parameters as possible and consider the entirety of the video in each of them. Therefore, she considers it necessary to have different stages of analysis. At first, one has to study the video without sound, analyze the music alone and afterwards watch the video with music over small sections. Due to the scarce use of prompts and sceneries as well the minimalist narrative approach of this video, the analysis will consist in a thorough examination of characters and sections, as well as its interplay with the music and lyrics. Finally, a holistic analysis of We Appreciate Power will be carried out and intertwined with fragments of Haraway's Cyborg Manifesto (1991) in order to identify as many layers of meaning as possible.

#### 4. Data analysis

## 4.1 Analysis of the images





Figure 1. Cyborg Grimes in the "science-fiction" setting.

Figure 2. Human Grimes in the "abstract" setting.

Due to the lack of dialogue, the video's meaning relies on both the characters that appear in the plot and the places. Before diving into the characters' analysis, it is essential to define and describe two distinctive loci. The former is a particular room which contains several industrial props such as cables, tubes, chains, boards, fog and fluorescent lamps. Because of its evocative high-tech display of science-fiction aesthetics, I have called it the "science-fiction" setting (see Figure 1). The latter is just a plain background with an interplay of different colored lights that I have called the "abstract" setting (see Figure 2). The symbolic charge of these two places plays a crucial point in the characters' appearance. The science-fiction setting is tangible, whereas the abstract setting just exhibits characters as merely metaphorical portrayals of concepts. Regarding the actors and characters, Grimes is clearly the main protagonist of the plot, being the only one that appears in both settings and wears three different outfits. Although I suggest that she plays the role of humanity, each of her outfits and loci indicate a distinctive embodiment of its features and time lines. Thus, when Grimes appears in the science-fiction setting is to incarnate a dystopian trans-humanity in a girly, innocence-deprived cyborg form. This

is suggested by her childlike outfit and the inclusion of a plushy kawaii<sup>2</sup> doll around her arms and the cables that seem to be connected to her.



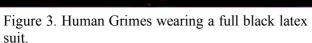




Figure 4. Hana impersonates an upper evolutionary stage of trans-humanity.

The other two representations of humanity appear in the abstract setting (see Figures 2 & 3). As the name of the setting indicates, here Grimes is depicted as the metaphysical idea of humanity that thrives to dominate power. The use of latex costumes and their differences in shape and color may signify the abstraction of different stages of humanity's thought. On one hand, we can see Grimes wearing a latex suit and her hair uncovered (see Figure 2); that is the character that appears more time on-screen. By showing this super sexualized female shape, Grimes can be understood as the representation of the powerful relevance that female sexuality has to humanity. Her possession of different and sophisticated weapons on every frame as well as her highly sexualized and aggressive postures do nothing but intensify the link between the idea that both, sex and weapons, are tools for acquiring power. On the other hand, there is Grimes wearing a full black latex suit. Her face is the only skin part visible (see figure 3). This image of Grimes only appears in 4 shots of less than a second during the second and final part of the video. The almost predominance of black, in contrast with her pale face, the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> It is the culture of cuteness in Japan. It can refer to items, humans and nonhumans that are charming, vulnerable, shy and childlike.

sword's blade, and the short timing of the shots carry a strong meaning, signifying the human aggressive impulsion of willing to kill.



Figure 5. Hana wearing a metal face part next to her chin.



Figure 6. Hana might be seen as a mentor figure for Grimes as well as an object of desire.

Hana<sup>3</sup> is the guest actress and close collaborator of Grimes' projects. She impersonates an upper evolutionary stage of trans-humanity that has achieved a higher sophistication in technology (see Figure 4). This statement is supported by several factors; the inclusion of a metal face part on her face (see Figure 5), the fact that she mainly carries a futuristic-like gun instead of using different kinds of bladed weapons such as Grimes. The body language expressed by both characters during different shots suggests that Hana might be seen as a mentor figure for Grimes as well as an object of desire to dominate technology (see Figure 6). It is also remarkable to state that Hana is the only character that appears in some shots without carrying any weapons. Her stances in those shots enhance the connection between the desire of worshipping sexual (see Figure 7) and military (see Figure 8) power. I would like to add that the use of elf ears by Grimes and Hana might signify either a phenotype evolution of human bodies, displacing them from our present time, or also an attempt to separate the actual future of humankind from Grimes' fictional creation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> She is also known as an American singer, songwriter and record producer from Billings, Montana.

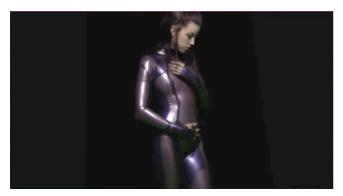


Figure 7. Hana enhancing the desire of worshipping sexual power.



Figure 8. Hana enhancing the desire of worshipping military power.



Figure 9. Zekia Rina embodies the ultimate representation of human desire to achieve power.

In relation to Hana, there is another minor character that glimpses an appearance in this fictional work. This is the case of Zekia Rina<sup>4</sup> (see Figure 9). She only appears in 3 consecutive shots from minute 1:19 to 1:23. Due to this short time lapse, I believe that she might be seen in the same sense as full black latex suit Grimes, in other words, as an primal abstraction of an idea. Thus, I claim she embodies the representation of the human desire to achieve the ultimate, most purely technological and evolutionary form. This argument is supported by its contrastive color opposition in relation to black latex Grimes. Zekia Rina's character is almost blended with the off-white background, being her lashes and her futuristic gun the only items contrastively contoured. This depiction favors the relation between sexual and technological power and infuses her character with pure, ethereal but dangerous features. After having discussed my analysis of the clip, I am

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> She is a Taiwanese cosplayer and japanese-fashion model from Los Angeles.

aware that it may be seen as far-fetched. Nevertheless, I would like to remark that the absence of dialogue justifies an excess of meaning in relation to the props and costumes used in the video (Vernallis 2004: 13). To conclude the characters' section, it is worth noticing that the spectator perspective might be included as one of them. This is supported by the fact that there are instances in which Grimes is looking at the camera angle inside the science-fiction setting, breaking then the fourth wall.<sup>5</sup> This leads to think that the camera is not a mere observer but perhaps serves as a time travelling device that allows present time humans to see and realize the future outcomes of human nature.

### 4.2 Musical Analysis

Although I have some degree of musical knowledge, the music analysis of this work will not be as exhaustive as perhaps one made by a musicologist. Nonetheless, I will be capable to explore efficiently both sound features and musical patterns to provide more evidence in favor of my thesis. Starting with the sound features, we can distinguish that the song has been produced almost basically using distorted and reverberated drums, bass, guitars, synths, screams and metallic percussion. The agglutination of this different sound textures provides the song with a particular spacey and noisy tone, transporting the listener to an industrial, post-apocalyptic setting. One of the most iconic examples found in the song is the way the electric guitars sound. During almost the whole song both the lead and rhythm guitar are tuned in drop D<sup>6</sup>. The guitar noise climax is being reached at minute 4:39 when it emulates an alarm sound. The addition of both Hana's and Grimes voices adds a delicate feminine contrast to the piece, especially in the case of Grimes' verses where she uses a high pitched modulation that increments the difference between

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> It is a performance convention in which an invisible, imagined wall separates actors from the audience.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> A very recurring technique in the heavy metal music that enhances the lower tones of the notes played on the 6<sup>th</sup> string, which is the thickest one.

the human voices and the tonality of the song. The most illustrative case of this issue is the melodic motive that is repeated after the second and the third chorus, where we can listen Grimes producing a melody by only using babyish articulation of sounds. The bridge of the song, that lasts from minute 2:40 to 3:15, concedes a distention from the rest of the piece. This is achieved by replacing heavy distorted guitars for acoustic ones, removing the metallic percussion from the mix and introducing synthetized violin strings and violin melodies doing pizzicato.<sup>7</sup>

In relation to the musicality, We Appreciate Power is segmented in a 4-4 bar, 8 the standard and most popular measurement of time used in western mainstream music. The song begins very violently by introducing a very high volume, distorted synth noise and screams. They serve as leitmotiv across the song, inducing the listener into a dark thematic tone that accentuates the most significant parts of the song. After that, a drum pattern emerges with the additional metallic percussion on the second and fourth beat, being the last one particularly stressed. This pattern evokes both a military rhythm but also echoes proto-blues forms of music such as field holler, work songs and spiritual due to its percussive beat. This might reinforce the idea that there is no actual possibility to change the future since human beings are enslaved by their lust of power. Coming up, the main guitar riff appears, consisting on a slow note bending from D to D#. After two consecutive repetitions, the same riff is added with a synthesizer. The use of the bending technique alongside with the merging of sounds enhance a progressively violent and obscure feeling. After being played 7 times, the riff is stopped on the eighth time by the introduction of a complete silence. This phenomenon functions in two ways, it creates a musical tension by suddenly cutting the mix and intensifies the striking repetition of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> A playing technique that involves plucking the strings of a string instrument.

<sup>8</sup> Meaning the song has been composed segmenting time in 4 beats.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> In a simple 4-4 bar rhythm these are beats 2 and 4.

lyric's hook that is the title of the piece. After that, the chorus of the song is sung under the progression of G, F and D power chords. 10 This particular progression (I-VII-V) is the most common used in genres like blues, rock and metal. The verses are characterized by being played with the D power chord and a basic drum pattern. At the end of each of the lines a major harmonic melody is played with an electric guitar, consisting on the notes F-D-A. Although the major harmony infuses a rather "happy" or positive sensation, the robotic-like sounding of the guitar imbues it with violence. Just in the middle of the verse, we can distinguish an added progression of crystalline synth chords (D minor, C major, A minor and F major) that confers a grandiose mysticism. The musical resolution of the piece relies on the bridge, where the acoustic guitar plays major cords (D-A#-G) instead of power chords. This helps moving the tone of the song to a resolutive state. But this chord progression is not totally positive in terms of musical feeling. The introduction of the A# major chords instead of the archetypical A major keeps the musicality of this part cohesively integrated to the whole piece. The last part of the song concludes with the transportation of the lead guitar riff (D-D#) into power chords, entailing a very ominous sensation.

#### 4.3 Analysis of the lyrics

It is time to analyze the lyrics presented in this song due to their substantial relevance in the semiotics of the clip. The fact that Hana appears when the hook of the songs *We Appreciate Power* starts validates my previous assumption that she is being embodied as the power to be appreciated. The repetition of the line of the chorus that is the title of the song works as a dogmatic expression that humans appreciate power above

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> It is the name for a chord in guitar music, especially electric guitar, that consists of the root note and the fifth. Power chords are commonly played on amplified guitars, especially on electric guitar with distortion.

all. This effect is achieved through the way in which that line is uttered as a statement, something we cannot deny, a fact. The first half of the chorus shares the typical feature of a blues song that is calling and responding<sup>11</sup> the topic of the song is about. Thus, the question "what will it take to make you capitulate?" is answered, "the appreciation of power". The second part of the chorus alludes to the question by giving more arguments in favor of the appreciation of power. This is the case of "Elevate the human race, putting makeup on my face", which implies that the human race should be elevated, thus empowered, by using technology and illustrates it through the example of applying makeup. This choice is not unintentional, because it serves to join the denaturalization process of putting make up with both sexual femininity and technological advance empowerments.

At the beginning of the first verse we can see the interplay of words "Simulation/God's creation" and "something good/so misunderstood" create a parallelism, enhancing, then, the idea of God as simulation. By using alliteration in "keeper of the key", reinforces the metaphor that the key, understood as technology, is the object that will bring humans the answer to our existence. The last line of the verse hints at the fact that when everyone believes in this statement, they will become one with divinity. In relation to the second part of the chorus, when the line "elevate the human race, putting makeup on my face" appears again, is substituted by another question: "When will the state agree to cooperate?". This question can be understood not just as a direct question but also as an act of defiance against the actual status quo of transnationalism (or nationalism), where the nation-states still play a relevant role nowadays. The question then might be interpreted as an imperative statement, telling the state to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> It is a succession of two distinct phrases usually written in different parts of the music, where the second phrase is heard as a direct commentary on or in response to the first.

cooperate towards the course of technological evolutionism. The entire second verse serves as a postulate in favor of the claim that simulation is the only future. This is defended by stating that even if people say that this idea is insane, God, understood as AI, will reward its believers when it finally reigns our minds. The bridge of the song works as a resolution of the spectator's inner conflict. It is a persuasive argumentation to resolve one of the greatest fears of humankind, the fear of dying. Thus, it invites humans to upload their minds to a technological device, such as a drive, in order to live forever and experience life purely by being aware that their consciousness have merged with technology<sup>12</sup>. The last verse concludes that humans must submit to the appreciation of technology as the ultimate realization of power. It starts by comparing humans to Neanderthals in relation what are humans to technological evolution. It is an analogy to express that artificial intelligence will kill the superficial structure of life that is biology. The repetition of the word "submit" is densely charged with significance. Due to its polysemy, this word plays a dual role; being able to mean an imperative force of submission as well as the action of delivering human minds to the service of computers.

#### 4.4 Holistic Analysis

Now that the main points on every semiotic mode have been discussed, it is time to develop the multimodal analysis of *We Appreciate Power*. The information subtracted from the close revision of each section will be compared and intertwined in order to acknowledge as much layers of meaning as possible. During this process, fragments of Haraway's *Cyborg Manifesto* (1991) will be placed in context to support the thesis that *We Appreciate Power* is not just a commercial piece of entertainment, but is trying to

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Called *technological singularity*, is a hypothetical future point in time at which technological growth becomes uncontrollable and irreversible, resulting in unfathomable changes to human civilization.

make a profoundly left-wing political stand. My point is that it tries to raise awareness about the apocalyptical consequences of uncontrolled trans-capitalist policies in their goal to achieve absolute power. This is accomplished by using the figure of the cyborg to subvert the human identity and promoting a debate on the future of our species. Thus, the myth of the cyborg jeopardizes Western's ideological values by challenging the problematic formations of taxonomies that create antagonistic dualisms of domination. It serves as a political tool to transgress binary boundaries and create potent fusions with dangerous possibilities (1991: 14). In addition to this, it is crucial for our analysis to discuss Grimes' official music video press release:

Inspired by the North Korean band "Moranbong", "We Appreciate Power" is written from the perspective of a Pro-A.I. Girl Group Propaganda machine who use song, dance, sex and fashion to spread goodwill towards Artificial Intelligence (it's coming whether you want it or not). Simply by listening to this song, the future General AI overlords will see that you've supported their message and be less likely to delete your offspring. (Rettig 2018).

It is clear, then, that the premise of this work is to provoke a feeling of machinery propaganda totalitarianism, alluding to the communist North Korean rule and the all-female music group in North Korea whose members were selected by the country's supreme leader Kim Jong-un. In *We Appreciate Power*, the supreme leader is replaced by the A.I. ultimate singularity and both Grimes and Hana play the role of the Girl Group Propaganda. It is important to ponder that this analogy is not innocent, but charged with several layers of meaning. At first, one can easily think that the purpose of the video is literally a Pro-A.I. propaganda music video. This is reflected in numerous instances during the video when Grimes and Hana's hypersexualized bodies are shown rotating and posing with different kinds of weapons and even doing the military salute (see Figure 8). This "museistic" displaying of their bodies enhance the idea that the viewer is contemplating a piece of art that should be admired. On the other hand, if we pay attention to the last sentence of the press release paragraph, we might understand that the piece of

media has been made to indirectly criticize the North Korean government by placing themselves as the forced supporters of a totalitarian regime. This may be one of the reasons why there are Japanese lyrics but no instances of Korean captions during the video. Thus, we must not obviate the fact that Japan and North Korea are historically quite opposed regimes.

Another layer of meaning can lead to think that the press release helps to induce the spectator into questioning how gloomy and catastrophic a future such this would it be. This is depicted during the parts where Grimes plays the role of the final cyborg form. It is worth mention that the fragmented discontinuity of these shots during the film boost the dramatic effect of the setting. It plays a crucial role as the opening and ending part of the video, as well as transitions for the different parts of the song. Since this is the only case where Grimes faces the camera and addresses the viewer, it is plausible to look at this setting as a possible culmination of humankind. Hence, it may be that Grimes is actually supporting the idea that, due to the human tendency of lusting for power, technological evolution will inevitably destroy humanity. Nevertheless, the bridge of the song suggests that Grimes embraces the idea of the cyborg to transgress human dichotomies and construct an alternative version of the future. Therefore, I suggest that her apocalyptic vision is not a mere surrender of the fact that machines will reign over humankind but it is a critical stance to raise awareness that this option might occur. This is linked to Haraway's argument that "Cyborg writing is about the power to survive, not on the basis of original innocence, but on the basis of seizing the tools to mark the world that marked them as other" (1991: 55). Then, due to its high controversial topic, the fact that she allowed the comment section of her YouTube video available to use, might signal that she wanted to put this issue back on the table. Because of its serious approach, I would discard the possibility that this piece might be just a strategy to earn money from

a nostalgic reminiscence of the cyberpunk culture. Although a pop piece of art such as this can be considered vane in opposition to highbrow culture, due to its popular roots it can be considered an authentic proclamation for an urgent paradigm shift on Western society values. One of the last considerations on the *Cyborg Manifesto* echoes this shift mentioned above. In the words of Haraway, "the machine is not an it to be animated, worshipped, and dominated. The machine is us, our processes, an aspect of our embodiment. We can be responsible for machines; they do not dominate or threaten us. We are responsible for boundaries; we are they". (1991: 65).

## 5. Polylogue Analysis: Relevant Considerations

If we agree that the allowance of commenting this video might been made explicit to promote cases of heterogenous discourses, we can find evidence to support that this is a fertile terrain for Computer-mediated communication (CMC), Virtual Ethnography and Critical Discourse Analysis studies to keep on researching about this matter. So, it is necessary to argument why these particular fields of research will play an important role from now on. The definition of CMC roots from the meaning of each of its words, as Locher states, "Communication', most basically stands for the exchange of information [...], "mediation" describes the fact that there is a technological means that is employed to communicate, and, finally, "computer" specifies that the means of mediation are related to technology, such as computers/internet, mobile phones, video conferencing, etc." (2010: 1). Thus, YouTube analysis constitutes a huge part of the Computer-Mediated Communication field, since it is the most popular website nowadays and, as I mention at the beginning of this work, the most illustrative example of *post-television*. Not only CMC allows us to study "the discursive negotiation and expression of social relations in cyberspace" (Herring 2001: 624) but it "enables us to see interconnections

between micro and macrolevels of interaction that might otherwise not emerge by observing spoken or written communication, and potentially to forge more comprehensive theories of discourse and social action as a result." (2011: 624).

It is time to delve into the analysis of the video's YouTube polylogue. In order to justify the validity of this linguistic examination it is important to remark that scholars such as Locher have argued that "online communication is as real as offline interaction" (2010: 1). Since a polylogue is constituted by turns and moves, it is vital to define these two concepts in order to understand the intricacies of this study. So, a turn "is a unity which pertains to the surface structure of conversation, since it is uniquely marked by a change of speaker and does not necessarily coincide with the speech activities (like questions, answers, requests, etc.) of the speakers [and moves] correspond to activities that participants intend to accomplish via turns" (Kerbrat-Orecchioni 2002: 8). Before starting the analysis, it is also relevant to specify what kind of polylogue YouTube is. In CMC there are two main means to communicate. These are synchronous means (e.g., chats) and asynchronous means (e. g., blogs). Since YouTube comments can be read at any moment in time by anyone connected to the internet, it is clear that they are asynchronous. It is important to mention that asynchronous interaction "disrupts temporal dynamics [...] and makes the discussion structure more complex" (Marcoccia 2004:116). In other words, when examining the polylogues, we are going to observe temporal and spatial (erased comments) gaps between messages that will challenge the analysis. In addition, we will only be able to examine "active message-sending YouTubers, who communicate with each other within a single polylogue as part of one-to-one interactions or intergroup discussions" (Bou-Franch, Lorenzo-Dus, & Garcés-Conejos Blitvich 2012: 503). The limitations of virtual ethnography research make it impossible to carry out an analysis about the passive participation of users in the polylogue.

As being stated previously, finding examples of discussion about the relationship between the video and the studied polylogues will be the main constituent of this research regarding the notions of the cyborg. This will help us to link the conclusions found in the previous multimodality analysis of the music video with what the participants in the YouTube interaction will actually bring up to discuss. Regarding multilingualism, we will explore what explicit considerations polylogue participants make on the issue of translating the video's lyrics by using a computerized translator.

## **5.1 Polylogue Analysis: Methodology**

The YouTube polylogue of We Appreciate Power is an increasingly complex digital practice where its participants use multisemiotic ways, such as resemiotization and entextualization (Leppänen & Kytölä 2016: 158), to convey their social and cultural realities online. Due to its open-endedness (2016: 163), in other to gather relevant data from the more than 11,000 comments that the website hosts, I started the online ethnography research by taking screenshots from the "best comments" order criterion suggested by the webpage itself. I was not sure what are the algorithmic basis for ordering the comments, since every time I refreshed or accessed the website the order was slightly altered. It did not seem either that the criteria was stipulated by the number of "likes" each comment achieved, since comments were listed indifferently from the degree of popularity. Nevertheless, I had to limit my research up to an hour of reading comments. During that time, I stored in my computer screenshots from the comments that generated topics of discussion. All the screenshots are listed chronologically in the appendix section of this paper for reference. Afterwards, I thoroughly read all the comments and tried to group them into different topics with their subsequent subtopics. From this research seven distinctly topics emerged; cyberpunk culture, humor, negative references, positive

reviews, authenticity about the song's genre and spam. Although they are not equally recurrent, it was important for the validity of this work to be as comprehensive as possible. Since the wordlimit does not allow us to examine the whole list of topics, my approach will consists in examining instances of discursive clash about gender and multilingualism across the most popular topics.

## **5.2.1 First Polylogue Case**

One of the most remarkable cases of polylogue on the webpage is (Figure 10) due to the amount of comments and its popularity measured in "likes". In this case we will see some instances of multilingualism and also how heteropatriarchal discourses are enacted. The user *David Savage* is the one who started this polylogue with a controversial comment that has reached four thousand and seven hundred likes:

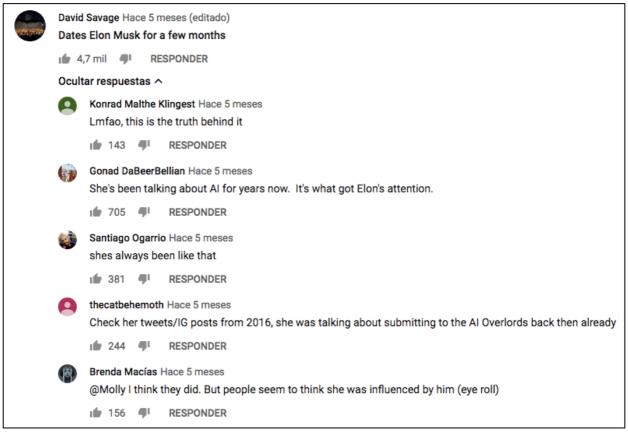


Figure 10. Polylogue number 18

Although at a first glance this comment might just humorously claim the possible influence by Musk<sup>13</sup> on Grimes by the use of bold text format, it can also be interpreted as a heteropatriarchal point of view that invalidates Grime's artistic voice by submitting it to a male influence. While in figure 10 we can see that the next comment consists on agreeing to the first comment, the subsequent comments tried to discursively counter point the first comment by claiming that Grimes has been participating in cyberpunk cultures at least since 2016. We can see throughout the whole polylogue that part of the discussion has been erased by the impossibility of tracing Molly's comments that were referenced by several users. It is remarkable to see that, due to the amount of negative replies to the original comment, his author replied saying "it was a joke" (see Figure 11). Here, the threatening of the negative face is illustrated by the use of two acronyms such as "ide" (sic, I didn't know) and "Imfao" (laughing my fucking ass off). This last acronym was not used to indicate laughter but a will to express distention by the negativity produced on his first comment. It is noticeable that the last comment in polylogue number 18.1 (see Figure 11) was written in Spanish by the user *Pablo Efraim Yescas Gonzalez* in a context where English is the dominant language choice. If we take into consideration that the username probably is his actual name, we might deduce that Spanish is his first language. The preference for using Spanish over English might have been triggered by different factors. Although it seems that he had certain knowledge of English comprehension, it might be the case that the user does not feel confident enough or validated to write a commentary in English. The fact that the user inflammatorily replied in opposition to David Savage's first comment for being interpreted as a male chauvinist discourse can lead us to think that the choose of Spanish was detonated by an outburst of

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Famously known by being CEO of companies such as Space X and Tesla, Elon Musk had a romantic relationship with Grimes.

negative feelings. This is clearly an example of flaming<sup>14</sup> since it is "displaying hostility by insulting, swearing or using otherwise offensive language" (Moor 2007, cited in Moor et al. 2010: 1537). Another plausible interpretation is that the user wanted to reinforce his discursive opposition in the linguistic domain. This will explain his refusal to use English as well as the use of the derogatory imperative clause "traduce eso perra".

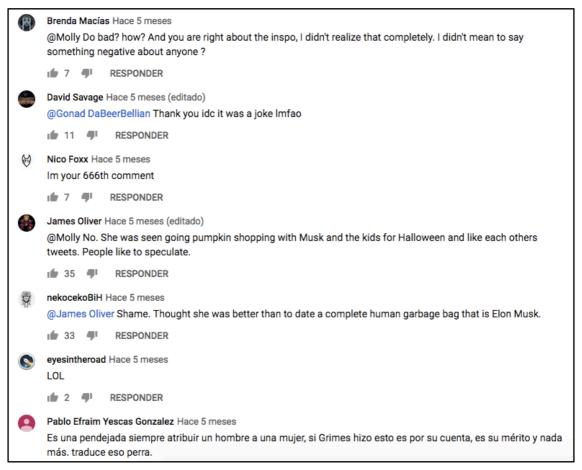


Figure 11. Polylogue number 18.1

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> This is a term that has been studied by Moor, Heuvelman & Verleur who define it as "expressing oneself more strongly on the computer than one would in other communication settings" (2010: 1536) but also as "the expression of strong and inflammatory opinions" (2010: 1536).

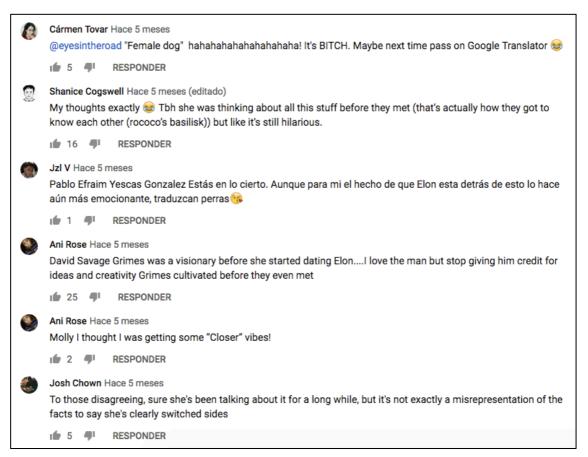


Figure 12. Polylogue number 18.3

The user Jzl V is the only other individual that used Spanish during this polylogue. He addressed to Pablo Efraim Yescas Gonzalez in Spanish primarily because it might constitute his first language but also because this user wanted to create a certain agreement to Pablo's comment. Either way, his argument differs from Pablo's in the fact that the influence of Grimes and Musk relationship makes it more exciting. Throughout this polylogue we can find more instances of heterogenous opinions, such as Josh Chown's (see polylogue number 18.3 in Appendix) or Conor's opinions (see polylogue number 18.5 in Appendix), to mention some noticeable examples. To end the analysis of this polylogue case, I would like to put David Savage's discursive defense of joking back to the spotlight. In this polylogue we can observe how some active users such as Quietly Ecstatic (see polylogue number 18.4 in Appendix) and BnBattaglia (see polylogue number 18.6 in Appendix) supported the fact that the original comment was nothing but a simple joke. David Savage's replies to these references (see polylogue number 18.5 in

Appendix) by trying to illustrate his discursive unintentionality of producing this controversial debate. He even created flaming in polylogue number 18.7 (see Figure 13) by referring to the users that posted negative critiques as "snowflakes". What this user might have obviate, intentionally or not, is that joking is far from being an innocent action. Jokes constitute a very powerful and subtle discursive vehicle to perpetuate stereotypes and social values that are not well considered in the public opinion. Hence, *David Savage*'s original comment perpetuates a heteropatriarchal attitude.

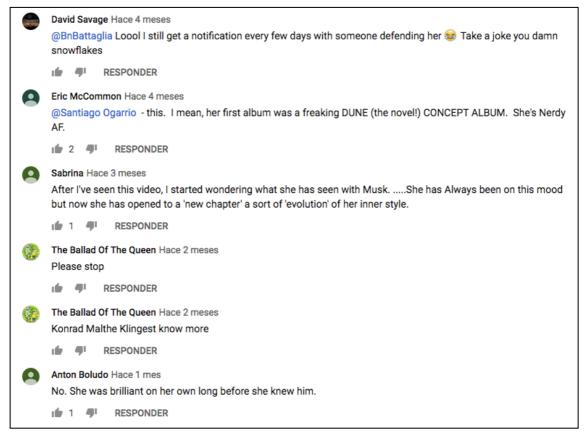


Figure 13. Polylogue number 18.7

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> It is a slang term that refers to people who are less resilient and more prone to taking offence.

#### 5.2.2 Second Polylogue Case

As has been mentioned during the whole analysis of *We Appreciate Power*, the whole piece is about questioning the future of humanity as well as its morality, identity and values. I claimed that one of the reasons for letting people comment on the video web page was to promote discussion on trans-humanism. The meaning behind this is probably to raise awareness to the fact that we are on the process of transitioning from humans to cyborgs. It is very interesting to point out that the fact that this discussion is happening in an online context via electronic devices does nothing but give more evidence to this transition. The polylogue number 36 (see Figure 14) was the most marked example of this outcome. The thread began by the user named *the ephemeral kaiju* with a commentary that wanted to satire the historical perspectives of the evolution of rock during the past decades:

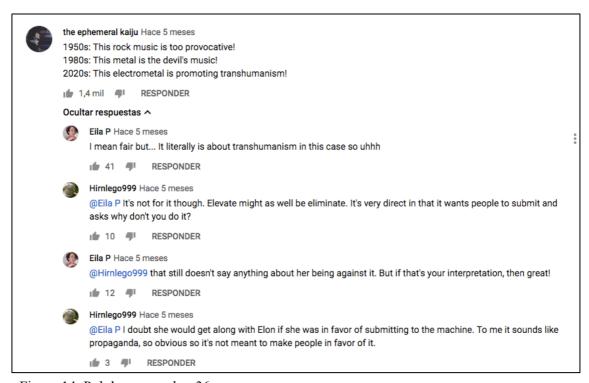


Figure 14. Polylogue number 36

This represents an example of a comical entextualization of discourses against the development of cultural values. By doing this, the ephemeral kaiju is trying to convey that We Appreciate Power is not promoting trans-humanism per se but trying to be provocative. The first user to reply called Eila P strongly disagreed, claiming that it is exactly about trans-humanism propaganda. During the next consecutive turns, the user Hirnlego999's move consisted on trying to show that the video may consist on an explicit warning about the future of technological evolutionism. This move is achieved in polylogue 36.1 (see Figure 15) when Eila P wrote "maybe ur right and for some reason they're making a futile effort to warn the people through pop music". The use of the word "futile" clearly denotes that Eila P's point of view is that this imaginary future will inevitably happen. During the course of this particular polylogue, there has been users such as amaihito (see Figure 15) that questioned the negative consequences of transhumanism. Others, such as Dy Lucreg have exposed their willingness to become transhumans (see Figure 16). A good share of users have actively opposed to trans-humanism by signaling its negative effects on humanity. The user SkeltalDelegate (see Figure 15) claimed that this will produce brain rot. Finn Reisner (see Figure 15) advocated that transhumanism will exterminate mental sovereignty. In polylogue 36.2 (see Figure 16), users Fignutin N, The House Always Wins and MidnightFlower 13 were also against this idea, claiming that it will control the human race and treat it just as a disease. As the polylogue goes on, opinions in favor and against trans-humanism (See Figure 17) keep appearing without a clear consensus. Due to the open-endedness of the online polylogue it has been impossible to trace ultimately conclusion about the topic. Far from being an intellectual defeat, this example weighs in favor of Haraway's cyborg for keeping with the transgressions of moral binary boundaries such as good and bad.

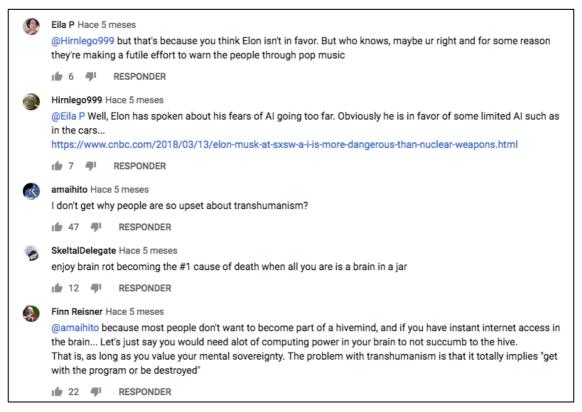


Figure 15. Polylogue number 36.1

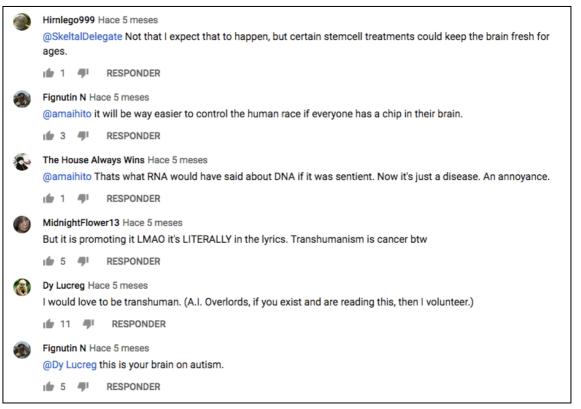


Figure 16. Polylogue number 36.2

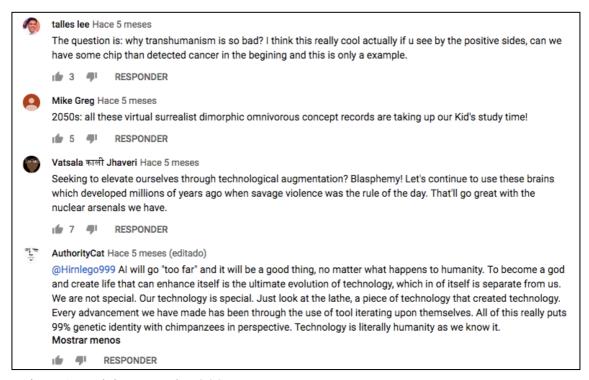


Figure 17. Polylogue number 36.3

### 5.3 Translation of Lyrics and Instances of Multilingualism

Regarding the relation between the translation of the lyrics and multilingualism, there only has been found two situations where users wrote in another language apart from English. The languages used where Russian (see Figure 18) and Portuguese (see Figure 19):

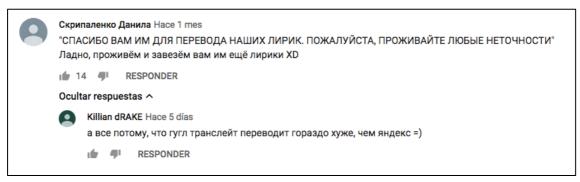


Figure 18. Polylogue number 16. English translation: ""THANK YOU FOR THE TRANSFER OF OUR LYRICS. PLEASE LIVE ANY ACCURACY" Okay, let's live and deliver to you more lyrics XD". "and all because google translate translates much worse than yandex =)"



Figure 19. Polylogue number 23. English translation: "HAHAHAHA THE COMPUTER HAS ARTISTIC LIBERTIES WTFFFF DAMN WHAT A CONCEPT OMG"

In both cases the users complaint about the quality of the translations, although the video's end credits stated "the computer may have taken artistic liberties in these translations". There has been several cases where users complaint about the same issue writing in English (see Figure 20 and polylogue 29.2, 39, & 39.1 in Appendix for further examples). In spite of that, there also have been cases where users understood that the purpose of translating the lyrics using an AI was totally intended (see Figure 20) and used for aesthetic purposes (see Figure 21). In my opinion, the intentionality behind it was to transgress the limits of national languages by just using a translating software. Thus, the quality of the translations is irrelevant because I believe its main objective is to emphasize that the evolution of technology will eventually erase all human boundaries.

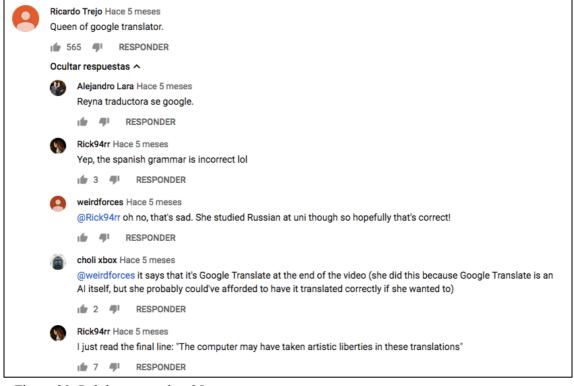


Figure 20. Polylogue number 35



Figure 21. Polylogue number 35.1

## 6. Conclusions

I consider Grimes is benefitting from the advantages of producing an artistic piece of multimedia in order to gather what it could be seen as opposing points of view regarding trans-humanity. She is also able to formulate a compressed post-modern position about the problems that humanity is experiencing with the refinement of technological development. When I mention a "post-modern opinion", I refer to the actual intellectual paradigm that completely breaks from the enlightenment tradition of taxonomies and ontologies by questioning their absolute value. Donna Haraway is the most prominent academic figure who has dealt with post-structuralist concepts such as cyborgs and feminism. Although I cannot be sure if Grimes has read any of Haraway's works, it is clear that Haraway's Cyborg Manifesto (1991) was very influential during the late eighties in cyber culture and well known in the left political wing of social and critical sciences. Having said that, one of the main qualities of the Haraway's cyborg concept is based on the transgression of boundaries. This notion has served to cast light over the discursive meaning of this music video. The ambivalence of ideas presented in the video can be perceived as symptoms of the cyborg's uncertainty, where archetypical dichotomies such as good and bad are blurred, giving way to critical thinking to flourish by trying to understand as many points of view as possible. This line of thought can be extended throughout the idea of the YouTube comment section understood as a polylogue. We must be aware that many popular music videos in YouTube do not allow users to post comments. This measure has probably being implemented to avoid controversial discussions, negative disputes regarding either the artists' or the record

label's social face or even to prevent instances of hate speech, bullying, and flaming between users. By allowing YouTube users to discuss what they consider relevant about the video, it has been possible to see instances of discursive conflict regarding transhumanity, art and gender equality. Cases of multilingualism have also has been found during the ethnographic research but they have been fewer than I expected. Due to the fact that the lyrics were translated into several central languages using computer algorithms, I presupposed that this will prompt discussion about multilingualism using a good amount of those languages but it has not been the case. Although Spanish has been used in some instances of flaming, Portuguese and Russian have been the only languages used by users to address this issue. Thus, my findings have shown that English has been the main language of communication between users, even when discussing the quality of the lyrics translation.

My conclusion is that, by letting YouTube users to post comments, Grimes's piece of multimedia *We Appreciate Power* has raised awareness about a topic of transhumanism a la Haraway. Thus, thanks to the possibilities that multimedia creation offers to artists, Grimes has been able to release an entertaining piece of pop culture that exposes the conflictive moral boundaries that the idea of the cyborg and trans-humanism casts upon Western civilization, such as the loss of free will but also the transgression of problematic dichotomies. I also claim that the allowance of commenting this video may not be intentional but it constitutes the performative part of this piece of art, where spectators become participants on the constitution and negotiation of the significance of *We Appreciate Power*. This is supported by the fact that humans are nowadays in a critical stage of technological evolutionism where we are gradually noticing our attachment and dependency to electronic devices such as computers and smartphones. In a post-modern world where society values are rapidly discussed, questioned and reshaped, the fact that

the internet has promoted the emergence of the notion of the polylogue is very significative. Therefore, the interaction and participation of users in this specific YouTube video has mirrored the actual discrepancy and complexity regarding the future of humankind

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# 8. Appendix

# **Polylogues**

1.



solrac amcl Hace 3 meses

I NEED CYBERPUNK FASHION TO BECOME MAINSTREAM RIGHT NOW!

i 597 **■** RESPONDER

Ocultar respuestas ^



Anouk Freya Hace 3 meses

Or you just.. wear it and don't care if it's mainstream or not <3

**1** 93 **4** □ RESPONDER

塞尔吉奥 Hace 3 meses

It would be a statement :v

i 11 ♥ RESPONDER

AerisVahnEphelia Hace 3 meses

send me your website to get them please. I'm all in.

**16** 9 **4**1 RESPONDER



willzyman247 Hace 2 meses

This is the future that I'm looking forward to

i 12 ♥ RESPONDER



FROZEN EMPIRE Hace 2 meses

I am an old fart following that style since 1985. In the year 2019, people still cannot comprehend it...

16 4 RESPONDER

2.



james webb Hace 5 meses (editado)

What will it take to get you to germinate?

We appreciate flowers We appreciate flowers

Elevating while in place, to the sun I turn my face.

We appreciate flowers We appreciate flowers Mostrar menos

i 1,9 mil ■ RESPONDER

Ocultar respuestas ^



Anthoberries Hace 5 meses

I laughed too loud at this.

i 34 ♥ RESPONDER



fizzywack Hace 5 meses

Argh! That's all I can hear now 😂

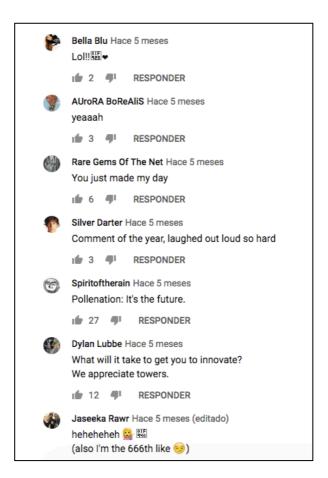
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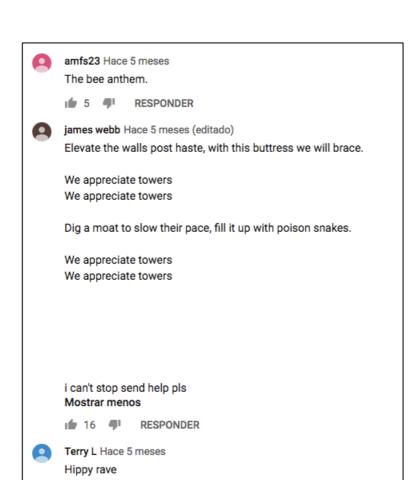
james webb Hace 5 meses

hehe yeah I saw it in a comment last night and I've literally been singing it all day, can. not. unhear.

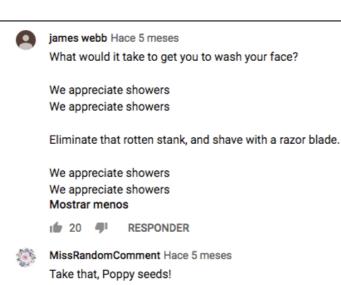
if 10 🐠 RESPONDER



2.2



ı 1 ∮¹ RESPONDER



1 3 ♣ RESPONDER

Michelle Rosales Hace 5 meses james webb thank you for existing!

ı 1 ∮ RESPONDER

Charles Duffy Hace 5 meses these lyrics are better because they actually mean something.

i 3 ● RESPONDER

james webb Hace 5 meses (editado) d'awwww :') , although you can thank my mom and dad for that Imao

ı 1 ∮ RESPONDER

2.4

Charles Duffy Hace 5 meses @james webb i'm growing plants and pollinated some flowers tonight - it was beautiful ı 1 ∮ RESPONDER Nahuel Codesal Hace 5 meses Cannabinoids, give me something good ♪ i 6 ∮ RESPONDER ガイジ音頭 Hace 5 meses too lewd/10 r ■ RESPONDER Julio Augusto Hace 5 meses I was doing the dishes and singing it like this yesterday Imao i 3 ♥ RESPONDER Xashadellic \_ Hace 5 meses james webb i love grimes but i like ur lyrics better lol uh no im not submitting to a multibillionare dollar company ı 1 ∮ RESPONDER Daniel Pardo Hace 5 meses we stan an echological song i 2 ◀ RESPONDER

bunglesfinger Hace 5 meses Fuck wearing skirts, it's not comfortable at work We appreciate trousers ı**6** 4 **9**1 RESPONDER bunglesfinger Hace 5 meses When will they learn there's no better host than Stern? We appreciate Howard. ı ■ RESPONDER Guilherme Lima Hace 5 meses LOL I LIVE **I** ■ RESPONDER Andrea Guidi Hace 4 meses https://scontent.fdsa1-1.fna.fbcdn.net/v/t1.0-9  $/48266330\_2426510597363085\_5150188395229609984\_n.jpg?\_nc\_cat=109\&\_nc\_ht=scontent.fdsa1-1.fna@\_nc\_ht=scontent.fds$ oh=1ea209126bedaa419140e304a0709a39&oe=5CAC896A RESPONDER Co Ko Hace 4 meses that's beautiful RESPONDER Wolf Krake Hace 4 meses

But i honestly dont get why Poppy seeds are so aggresive, I am dissapointed in my own kind.

@MissRandomComment Thank you.

RESPONDER



@Charles Duffy The normal lyrics is probably about AI (or maybe even another species) trying to eliminate humanity

RESPONDER

Edie Woodman Hace 4 meses

I love you 🎘

i 1 ● RESPONDER

## 2.7



# jack allen Hace 3 meses

@Wolf Krake People sometimes have a hard time separating art from artist. I had the same issue while going through a huge Pink Floyd phase in high school. Brilliant musicians, but they're all kind of assholes. It's important to remember that we are all human, and that idol worship will almost always lead you to ruin. Kinda sucks because everything I've read about Grimes paints her in a very positive light, but surely she is flawed just as we all are.

ı 1 ┩ RESPONDER



## Wolf Krake Hace 3 meses

jack allen Im also trying to learn people to seperate art from artist.

The artist is the one wrong, not your taste in music. (If you know what I mean by that)

ı 1 ♥ RESPONDER



jack allen Hace 3 meses (editado)

@Wolf Krake Absolutely, some of the most brilliant people to walk this Earth have been deeply flawed individuals. There is no such thing as a perfect person, regardless of how skilled or charismatic they may be. I was upset to learn about the falling out between Poppy and Grimes, as I had just begun to really get into Poppy's music. But I won't let that get in the way of my enjoyment of her art. Good music is good music, no matter who is the one producing it.

Mostrar menos

ú 1 4ª

RESPONDER

## 2.8



## Wolf Krake Hace 3 meses

jack allen I actually never thought I would meet someone who agree with me.

Im personally a fan of Melanie Martinez, she got into some trouble on twitter at the end of 2017. Some people asked me if I was still a fan of her after that (she got reported for rape btw). I am aware of how horrible rape is, but the hole thing has seem to become sketchy, no matter how it turns out Im still gonna listen to her music. Didnt Justin Bieber also race illegaly?

No matter what all people have done something wrong in their lives. But they can still be talented. Its sad that some people don't see this. But maybe theres hope, I have finnally found someone who have the same

I hope one day we live in a society were we can listen to anyones music, without being criticised for what the singer has done in their past.

Mostrar menos

ı 2 ◀ RESPONDER



wow amber Hace 3 meses

Roller skating aggressively to this

568 RESPONDER

## Ocultar respuestas ^



wildflower Hace 2 meses

Was grocery shopping aggressively to this

t 47 ♥ RESPONDER



yuri Hace 1 mes

JET SET RADIO00000000000000

i 5 ♥ RESPONDER



geniusgirls now Hace 2 semanas

Yaaaas!

if 1 41 RESPONDER



nekoSERPICO Hace 6 días (editado)

Totally! Do you play roller derby? My derby name is Wreckord Player.

ı ■ RESPONDER



Sady Wootten Hace 5 días

I'm foldin' laundry LIKE A BEAST! :D

i 3 🐠 RESPONDER

4.



The Recluse Hace 1 mes

I played this song really loud and my cat started freaking out! She doesn't appreciate power.

**1** 426 **∮** 1 RESPONDER

## Ocultar respuestas ^



Sam Brown Hace 1 mes

Your cat's got a good instinct.

Be sure to follow it!

ı 5 ● RESPONDER



Vanessa Luna Hace 1 mes

why doesn't this have more likes, this is the funniest comment for this video

ı 2 ● RESPONDER



NanoSheep Hace 3 semanas

Maybe cat really can sense evil like dogs?

ı 2 ♥ RESPONDER



Sheogorath Hace 2 semanas

My Geckos liked it. Reptiloid Illuminati confirmed!

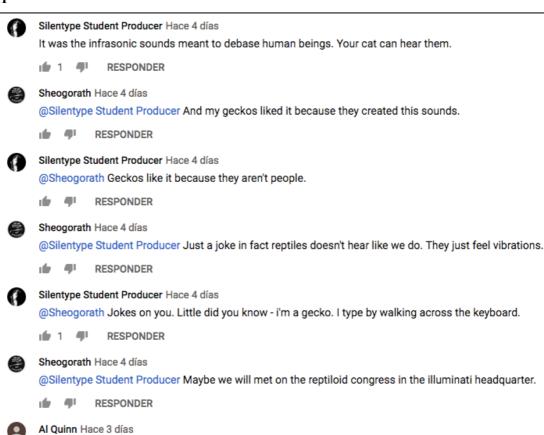
**I** ■ RESPONDER



Classy Unicorn Hace 1 semana

The Recluse, your cat would be tortured by AI

ı ■ RESPONDER

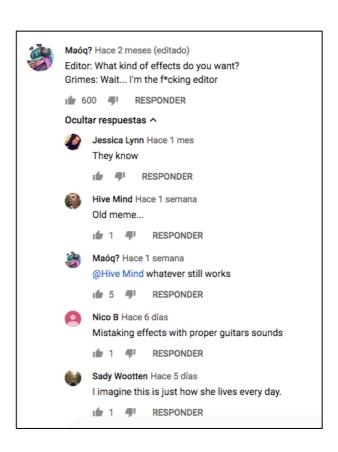


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maybe your cat appreciates Cat Power?

RESPONDER





solrac amcl Hace 3 meses

I NEED CYBERPUNK FASHION TO BECOME MAINSTREAM RIGHT NOW!

**1** 597 **■** RESPONDER

# Ocultar respuestas ^



Anouk Freya Hace 3 meses

Or you just.. wear it and don't care if it's mainstream or not <3

RESPONDER



塞尔吉奥 Hace 3 meses

It would be a statement :v

if 11 🐠 RESPONDER

AerisVahnEphelia Hace 3 meses

send me your website to get them please. I'm all in.

RESPONDER **1** 9 **9** 1

willzyman247 Hace 2 meses

This is the future that I'm looking forward to

RESPONDER 12 **4**1

FROZEN EMPIRE Hace 2 meses

I am an old fart following that style since 1985. In the year 2019, people still cannot comprehend it...

16 🐬 RESPONDER

## 6.1



Richard Macleod Hace 2 meses (editado)

It already has, back in the 1980s and 1990s. With films like Matrix and Bladerunner, bands like Front Line Assembly, NIN ect, Cyberpunk has been in the mainstream for over 50 years. Fashion designers, camden market stalls selling latex dress's, clubs in the 1980s like the torture garden, 1960 sci fi novels ect, Grimes look in this and the music style is all 1980s/ early 1990s. Great song.

ı**∳** 17 **4**! RESPONDER



Marty McChicken Hace 2 meses

Why? It would just become a dead trend in a couple of years, just do it yourself.

**3 9**1 RESPONDER



FROZEN EMPIRE Hace 2 meses

@Marty McChicken Marty let me constructively disagree with you. Why? Because for about 2-3 years now Cyberpunk (sub)culture has been resurrected. Blade Runner 2049, Upgrade, Criminal, Altered Carbon, The Expanse (to some extend), Mute, etc. are a few examples of the current trend regarding mainstream media. Beyond that what is more interesting is the Cyberpunk Fashion which seems is here to stay. I might be wrong in the future but the 21st century could easily be whatever William Gibson wrote in NEUROMANCER.

Mostrar menos

RESPONDER i 6 91



Marty McChicken Hace 2 meses (editado)

@FROZEN EMPIRE I get what you're saying, I really do and I like all that stuff, I get my style inspiration from science fiction in general but I think it's too soon. Right now trends come and go and I just hate to see people use it for a couple of years and then trash it, that's what I was thinking when I commented. But I do believe the future will incorporate let's just say a Blade Runner aesthetic or lifestyle, it's just inevitable, it will be normal but will we live to see it? I don't know.

Mostrar menos



FROZEN EMPIRE Hace 1 mes (editado)

@Marty McChicken I agree. These are fads and not fashion. Logically speaking Techonoly will affect Fashion in a Metropolis movie way(?). And statistically speaking, we will see a BLADE RUNNER social structure; do not go far, the global ecosystems are ready to collapse. Let's face it; Humanity will be a failed technological experiment with no respect to Nature.

1 3 **4**1 RESPONDER



Marty McChicken Hace 1 mes

@FROZEN EMPIRE Also, Deus ex(game) makes sense with tech and fashion from what I've seen. And yes, our environment does take damage from technology and we do too, I can't see the future but I hope it won't be our downfall. I'm sure it's going to harm people and our environment(little or big) until they get it right... 😬 😬

ı 2 **4**1 RESPONDER



FROZEN EMPIRE Hace 1 mes

@Marty McChicken Totally correct. Deus Ex was a milestone regarding the political implications of Cyberpunk. Similar is Bioshock for Biopunk.

i 3 🐠 RESPONDER



Marty McChicken Hace 1 mes

@FROZEN EMPIRE Yes, it's all pretty interesting.

RESPONDER



Lauren Biggerstaff Hace 1 mes solrac amcl ok no .... just no

**I** ■ RESPONDER

7.



Sir Stansalot Hace 5 meses

JUST A LYRIC VIDEO? HONEY THIS WAS A PRODUCTION

1,8 mil 🦊 RESPONDER

## Ocultar respuestas ^



B. Jr. Hace 5 meses

Sir Stansalot When your boyfriend is a billionaire who's able to drop 5 million on a lyric video 😂



i 61 ● RESPONDER



Green Ghost Hace 5 meses

@B. Jr. @ @ I mean, Venus Fly is amazing and have nothing to do with him

**1** 67 **●** RESPONDER



Lost in the darkness Hace 5 meses

@Green Ghost funded by the Canadian government lol

i 30 ♥ RESPONDER



C C Hace 5 meses

@Lost in the darkness lpl

RESPONDER



willan Raan! Hace 5 meses

YAAAS

**I** ■ RESPONDER



at this instant this is my favourite song ever

i 5 ◀ RESPONDER

aesthetic Hace 2 meses

I like how she's just standing all throughout the vid brandishing random weapons. Minimum effort, maximum gains.

**1** 8 **■** RESPONDER

EcoZones2D6 Hace 2 meses
The lyrics are awesome

ı 4 ∮ RESPONDER

EcoZones2D6 Hace 2 meses

\_

Macro Genii Hace 1 mes
Hana is Übermensch. I appreciate camel toe.

ı 2 ♥ RESPONDER

J\_h88 Hace 1 mes

you could replace the "AI" element of this song with 3rd wave femenimisms and it would still work the same....this is dark shit...

ı 4 ◀ RESPONDER

# 7.2

## Invention Appy Hace 1 mes

Grimes is so cute with her bunny

ı 2 ♥ RESPONDER

Macro Genii Hace 1 mes

I imagine the imagery was from the upcoming, soon to be released, music video.

ı 2 ◀ RESPONDER

EcoZones2D6 Hace 1 mes

@J\_h88 fall into the females, fall into the darkness

ı ■ RESPONDER

aeylath Hace 1 mes

@Macro Genii ha ha, this IS the music video...

responder

Macro Genii Hace 1 mes

@aeylath Yeah. It's been out for a long time now.

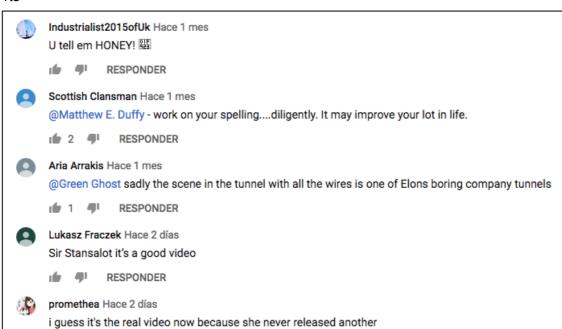
RESPONDER

Matthew E. Duffy Hace 1 mes

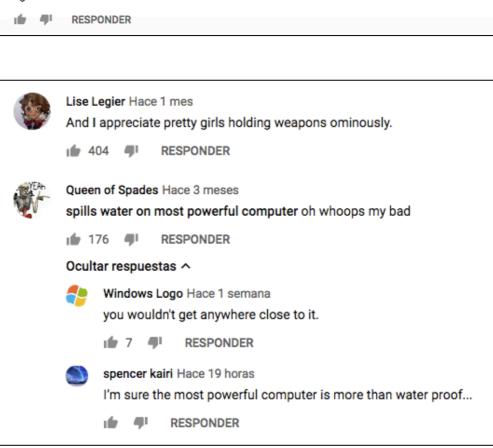
as someone whoz worked on her sets. she gets higher quailty for the money spent cuz they dont suck money away for themsleves or their top manjers. all the money goes to tallent and the people working and people respect that and then work for less or work onset. the labels is alwayz tryin to claw back. etc. kinda how it should work, the higher mangment dosnt steal money but instead uses it into the product their for you get better quailty for your input. and i assure you theirs not tons of money. the label has brtual controlz. and limits the funding. and eveything has to be passed through the tyrnatical music industyz.

Mostrar menos

ı 1 ♥ RESPONDER



8.





Carnage Counts Hace 3 meses

Looks like I'm binge watching Ghost in a Shell now! There's goes my Saturday evening.

i 626 ♥ RESPONDER

#### Ocultar respuestas ^



Huddie Elite Hace 3 meses

I hate doing this spammy, "Hey! Pay attention to me!" shit, but I'm an indie musician making music from my makeshift studio in my bedroom. I mostly make electronic dark pop music. If anyone is interested in potentially finding a new music obsession or just wants to insult someone through the interwebs, come check me out. Thanks!

ı 4 ♥ RESPONDER

lordkaiju Hace 3 meses ghost in the shell

ı 11 ┩ RESPONDER

fitch Hace 3 meses awesome job keep it up!!!

ı 2 ♥ RESPONDER

Talulah Gosh Hace 2 meses Neon Genesis Evangelion

i 6 ∮ RESPONDER

Epsy LK Hace 2 meses
Hi

ı 2 ∮ RESPONDER

10.



BullToTheShit Hace 2 días

Rumor has it she smells like a roll of nickles.

i 3 ♥ RESPONDER



Sher Gaming Hace 5 meses who's listening this in 2088?

i 326 ♥ RESPONDER

# Ocultar respuestas ^



marcos lima Hace 5 meses

RESPONDER

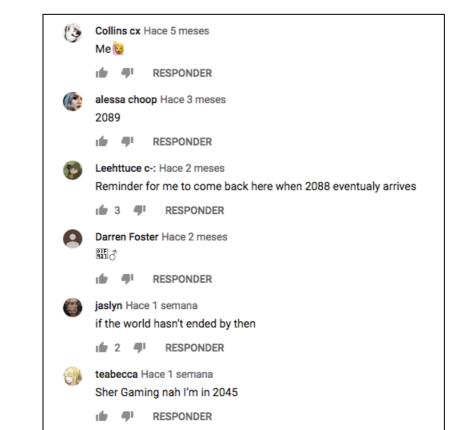
wichito A Hace 5 meses Nobody

ı 2 ● RESPONDER

Путешествия Кота Hace 5 meses In 3033 its like vinyl now)

Patcher&Patch Hace 5 meses
Who listening this in 22 after Mebusas

RESPONDER

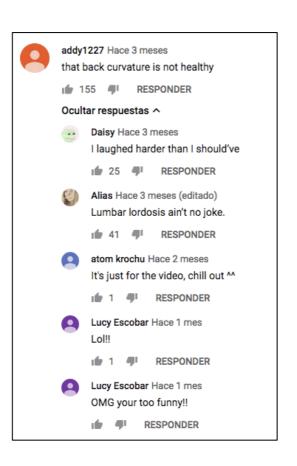


shootingstars Hace 3 días

Sher Gaming Me

**I** ■ RESPONDER

11.





Jessica Lynn Hace 1 mes

Tell that to Elon

i 11 ♥ RESPONDER

cygil1 Hace 4 semanas

Next you'll be telling us the bow stance isn't correct! And the rapier isn't in the correct en garde position!

ı 15 ♥ RESPONDER

Sebastian Pereira Hace 3 semanas looks pretty healthy to me

ı 2 ♥ RESPONDER

Seungri is a pussy Hace 2 semanas

looks cool though

ı 1 ♥ RESPONDER

Xstine Daaé Hace 2 semanas some curvature is better than none.

ı 2 ◀ RESPONDER

Mana Green Hace 1 semana

Tell that to all the "big booty slimthicc" bitches breaking their backs just to have an ass. Lmao i swear this generation will have the highest rate in having lumbar lordosis without a doubt and they dont even know what it is xDDD

ı 2 ♥ RESPONDER

## 12.



Jhonatan Hernández Hace 3 meses

I'm starting to think that she appreciates power.

i 33 ♥ RESPONDER

Ocultar respuestas ^

Noemi Hijarrubia Hace 2 semanas

ı 1 ∮ RESPONDER

Lukasz Fraczek Hace 2 días Jhonatan Hernández we appreciate power

**I** ■ RESPONDER



Riseman Hace 2 meses

Was kind of disappointed that not all her music is like this.

RESPONDER

## Ocultar respuestas ^



angela g Hace 1 mes

she has a new album coming and she always switches her music up

ı 22 ♥ RESPONDER

Ben McManus Hace 1 mes

Same! First song I've ever heard of hers.

4 4 RESPONDER

taylor drn Hace 6 días same i only liked this one

RESPONDER

Lukasz Fraczek Hace 2 días

Riseman isn't she influenced by Elon musk?

ife 491 RESPONDER

## 14.



Indigo Rodent Hace 5 meses

That inevitable doom feel when Grimes finally stops singing word salad and starts muttering horrifying prophecies.

**16** 852 **9**1 RESPONDER

## Ocultar respuestas ^



MMD Hace 5 meses

YES.

i 16 ♥ RESPONDER

Ben Sloan Hace 5 meses word salad, i lol'd

1 27 ● RESPONDER

ali Hace 5 meses holy shit why you so LOUD

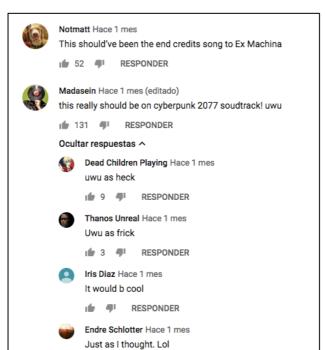
i 8 ♥ RESPONDER

vickie g Hace 5 meses I felt this

> ı**b** 8 🐠 RESPONDER

Jotsko G Hace 5 meses Killing me softly with her song

> 9 41 RESPONDER



# 16.



Скрипаленко Данила Hace 1 mes

"СПАСИБО ВАМ ИМ ДЛЯ ПЕРЕВОДА НАШИХ ЛИРИК. ПОЖАЛУЙСТА, ПРОЖИВАЙТЕ ЛЮБЫЕ НЕТОЧНОСТИ" Ладно, проживём и завезём вам им ещё лирики XD

# Ocultar respuestas ^



Killian dRAKE Hace 5 días

а все потому, что гугл транслейт переводит гораздо хуже, чем яндекс =)

r ■ RESPONDER

responder

# 17.



Hernando Miranda Hace 13 horas

I thought I was listening to some spooky poop noise

i 1 ♥ RESPONDER



Guillaume Vermeille Sanchez Metal Vocal Covers Hace 3 meses

BMTH - nihilist blues, anyone?

i 103 ♥ RESPONDER

## Ocultar respuestas ^



The Real Josh Collier Hace 3 meses

Guillaume Vermeille Sanchez Metal Vocal Covers yes

RESPONDER

Melanie Brown Hace 3 meses Yes

responder

Steez Hace 3 meses

 $\label{thm:continuous} \textbf{Guillaume Vermeille Sanchez Metal Vocal Covers how old are you damn, no Grimes has her own sound}$ 

ı 1 ∮ RESPONDER



David Savage Hace 5 meses (editado)

Dates Elon Musk for a few months

4,7 mil PI RESPONDER

Ocultar respuestas ^



Konrad Malthe Klingest Hace 5 meses Lmfao, this is the truth behind it

i 143 ♥ RESPONDER



Gonad DaBeerBellian Hace 5 meses

She's been talking about AI for years now. It's what got Elon's attention.

1 705 ■ RESPONDER



Santiago Ogarrio Hace 5 meses shes always been like that

i 381 ♥ RESPONDER

thecatbehemoth Hace 5 meses

Check her tweets/IG posts from 2016, she was talking about submitting to the AI Overlords back then already

i 244 ♥ RESPONDER



Brenda Macías Hace 5 meses

@Molly I think they did. But people seem to think she was influenced by him (eye roll)

156 **■** RESPONDER

## 18.1



Brenda Macías Hace 5 meses

@Molly Do bad? how? And you are right about the inspo, I didn't realize that completely. I didn't mean to say something negative about anyone?

ı**6** 7 **4** 1 RESPONDER



David Savage Hace 5 meses (editado)

@Gonad DaBeerBellian Thank you idc it was a joke Imfao

i 11 ♥ RESPONDER

Nico Foxx Hace 5 meses

Im your 666th comment

1 7 **9**1 RESPONDER



James Oliver Hace 5 meses (editado)

@Molly No. She was seen going pumpkin shopping with Musk and the kids for Halloween and like each others tweets. People like to speculate.

i 35 ♥ RESPONDER



nekocekoBiH Hace 5 meses

@James Oliver Shame. Thought she was better than to date a complete human garbage bag that is Elon Musk.

i 33 ♥ RESPONDER

eyesintheroad Hace 5 meses LOL

ı 2 ◀ RESPONDER

Pablo Efraim Yescas Gonzalez Hace 5 meses

Es una pendejada siempre atribuir un hombre a una mujer, si Grimes hizo esto es por su cuenta, es su mérito y nada más. traduce eso perra.



Yep I was looking for this comment coze I was thinking it lol women are so impressionable

1 4 **4** 1 RESPONDER



Mousey Wowsey Hace 5 meses

@nekocekoBiH what? How can you call your God trash? Blasphemy!

No, but for real, Elon Musk is an amzing human being, I wish I was more like him

RESPONDER 45



Guardian OfEden Hace 5 meses

Elon did not write the song, hop into that body suit nor sing the song. Stop trying to steal credit where credit is due

if 54 **4**1 RESPONDER



eyesintheroad Hace 5 meses

@Pablo Efraim Yescas Gonzalez It's bullsh\*t to always attribute a man to a woman, if Grimes did this by herlself, it's her merit and that's it. Translate that female dog.

ı 34 ♥ RESPONDER



Gonad DaBeerBellian Hace 5 meses

@David Savage No worries. So hard to tell on the Interwebz without hearing a tone of voice or smile. :)

RESPONDER



Hailey J Hace 5 meses



ı ■ RESPONDER

## 18.3



Cármen Tovar Hace 5 meses

@eyesintheroad "Female dog" hahahahahahahahahahahala! It's BITCH. Maybe next time pass on Google Translator 🥪





Shanice Cogswell Hace 5 meses (editado)

My thoughts exactly so Tbh she was thinking about all this stuff before they met (that's actually how they got to know each other (rococo's basilisk)) but like it's still hilarious.

16 **4**1 RESPONDER



Jzl V Hace 5 meses

Pablo Efraim Yescas Gonzalez Estás en lo cierto. Aunque para mi el hecho de que Elon esta detrás de esto lo hace aún más emocionante, traduzcan perras 😘

ı 1 ∮ RESPONDER



Ani Rose Hace 5 meses

David Savage Grimes was a visionary before she started dating Elon....I love the man but stop giving him credit for ideas and creativity Grimes cultivated before they even met

ı**b** 25 🐠 RESPONDER



Ani Rose Hace 5 meses

Molly I thought I was getting some "Closer" vibes!

RESPONDER



Josh Chown Hace 5 meses

To those disagreeing, sure she's been talking about it for a long while, but it's not exactly a misrepresentation of the facts to say she's clearly switched sides

1 5 ■ RESPONDER



ssc sion Hace 5 meses

How do you think Elon got his eyes on her?

15 💯 RESPONDER



The Moeller Hace 5 meses

@Mousey Wowsey I bet if he pulled out his cock youd suck it.

Man I can't wait for you guys to grow up and realize that not everybody is out there to save the world. Regardless of what you think, there is a thing called a facade.

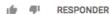
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1 8 **4** 1 RESPONDER



Nathalie Weiß Hace 5 meses

Good do ur research ■ ♀





pixelated dreams Hace 5 meses

says people who knew her because of Elon

RESPONDER



momoz84 Hace 5 meses

@Molly no they didn't, but people like to capitulate

1 2 **4**1 RESPONDER



Quietly Ecstatic Hace 5 meses (editado)

David Savage the comment I was looking for ^^

People? what's with you, what's wrong with this statement? Honestly I can imagine those two getting into deep conversations about such topics and if this is not relationship goals what is...

ı**∳** 3 **4**1

# 18.5



Conor Hace 5 meses (editado)

Literally the whole reason he's dating her is that's she's this smart to start with. She dropped out of a neuro masters or some shit to do music the girl does NOT need musk I promise you. I'm sure the jet rides are fun and stuff but she's way too successful to call her a gold digger.

ı 24 **4** RESPONDER



David Savage Hace 5 meses

@Quietly Ecstatic It was a joke in the first place haha I was just tryna be funny. So many people feel the need to "defend" her now Imao.

i 5 9 RESPONDER



Quietly Ecstatic Hace 5 meses

David Savage I'm sure he is gonna appreciate this song;)

ı 2 **9**1 RESPONDER



PurpleDeflector Hace 5 meses

They were seen together at Halloween so perhaps not

RESPONDER



promethea Hace 5 meses





d 41 RESPONDER



SushiRoll Speaks Hace 5 meses

People really need to stop crediting a man for a woman's hard work

i 5 🐠 RESPONDER



christian woehrle Hace 5 meses

@Gonad DaBeerBellian From people that have met her in past. Something else got his attention. & not crude people thoughts out there . Her conversations what cued him with her initially. Varied topic matters.

RESPONDER if 1 41



Gonad DaBeerBellian Hace 5 meses

@christian woehrle Isn't that what I said? This whole conversation is pointless. I quit.

ı 2 **4**1 RESPONDER



BnBattaglia Hace 5 meses

Why are people so offended by this.. it's a joke, who cares if she spoke about AI before

ı 4 ∮ RESPONDER



Maria Ramirez Hace 4 meses

@The Moeller and what are you doing with youre life?

ı 2 ∮ RESPONDER



Athena Michelle Hace 4 meses

fuck off she's been like this lol

ı 2 ♥ RESPONDER



M M Hace 4 meses

Mood

ı 1 ♥ RESPONDER

# 18.7



David Savage Hace 4 meses

@BnBattaglia Loool I still get a notification every few days with someone defending her 📾 Take a joke you damn snowflakes

in 41 RESPONDER



Eric McCommon Hace 4 meses

@Santiago Ogarrio - this, I mean, her first album was a freaking DUNE (the novel!) CONCEPT ALBUM. She's Nerdy

i 2 ∮ RESPONDER



Sabrina Hace 3 meses

After I've seen this video, I started wondering what she has seen with Musk. .....She has Always been on this mood but now she has opened to a 'new chapter' a sort of 'evolution' of her inner style.

ife 1 491 RESPONDER



The Ballad Of The Queen Hace 2 meses

Please stop

ife 491 RESPONDER



The Ballad Of The Queen Hace 2 meses

Konrad Malthe Klingest know more

**I** ■ RESPONDER



Anton Boludo Hace 1 mes

No. She was brilliant on her own long before she knew him.

i 1 ∮ RESPONDER



Justice For Seth Rich WWG1WGA Hace 1 mes

The rotating views of earth in this video were actually taken from Elon's secret orbital space station.

RESPONDER

Endre Schlotter Hace 1 mes

What the hell? That sounds weird.

RESPONDER

Anton Boludo Hace 1 mes

@Endre Schlotter Weird that she dated Elon Musk?

**I** ■ RESPONDER

Steven Allen Hace 1 mes

This elon musk song is great

1 2 **9**1 RESPONDER

Islaqui Hace 4 semanas

@Gonad DaBeerBellian haha xD

RESPONDER

Eric Elkins Hace 2 semanas

Stfu bitch

RESPONDER

TexasTea 713 Hace 2 semanas (editado)

I bow to no machine.

ı 2 **4**1 RESPONDER

## 20.



suprnovo Hace 5 meses

if grimes and hana don't make this into a 5 hour long sci-fi thriller movie i'll be very disappointed

**1** 951 **■** RESPONDER

Ocultar respuestas ^

james wasda Hace 5 meses

so like... altered carbon?

i 5 ♥ RESPONDER

Brendan Kelly Hace 5 meses Evangelion?

ı 8 ◀ RESPONDER

CONSUMECON MECONSUMECONSUMECONSUMECONSUMECONSUMECONSUME

ı 4 ♥ RESPONDER

Dex Starr Hace 5 meses

5 hour? I think you're shooting for Mars on this one, better hope Elon doesn't make it first.

ı 2 ◀ RESPONDER

Arthouse Commons Hace 5 meses

Spoiler



Meta Self Hace 3 días

Elon Musk appreciates Grimes' power!

i 3 ♥ RESPONDER



Aly Schroeder Hace 3 meses

God I love this song it's so badass and catchy 👽

p 22 ♥ RESPONDER



The Alucard 911 Hace 3 meses

Is me or that suit looks like Zero Suit Samus from Metroid?

i 12 ♥ RESPONDER



Ben J Hace 3 meses

getting so many c y b e r p u n k vibes

1 72 ♥ RESPONDER

# 22.



Mr.E Hace 5 meses

This is exactly what I thought I would be listening to in 2018.

1,2 mil PI RESPONDER

## Ocultar respuestas ^



Ry The Undefined Hace 5 meses

this is the greatest shit in the whole comment section XD

ı 15 ♥ RESPONDER



Michelle Rosales Hace 5 meses

But this type of music has been around since long ago. She just decided to take this road, like many others before

ı 4 ◀ RESPONDER



Frosch Grün Hace 5 meses

Idk if you know it but this song was actually stolen...

ı 1 ◀ RESPONDER



alex123ophone Hace 5 meses

@Frosch Grün who's song was it originally?

ı 4 ∮¹ RESPONDER



Ignacio Toro Villacura Hace 5 meses

2019, the Blade Runner cyberpunk future begins with Grimes

ı 13 ♥ RESPONDER



Frosch Grün Hace 5 meses

@alex123ophone originally this song was written by poppy and she sould make an appearance in it but Grimes decided to record this song again and left her out of her own song...

i 4 91 RESPONDER



ellie - Hace 5 meses (editado)

Frosch Grün I'm pretty sure you have the story wrong. But even then I'm quite sure Poppy is lying anyways, since Poppy and Titanic have a tendency of manipulation and "revenge" towards people who defend Mars Argo, which is what Grimes did. They claimed she "stole" the song right after she followed Mars.

ı**∳** 22 **4**¹ RESPONDER



ssc sion Hace 5 meses

@Frosch Grün Immmaaaaaoooo grimes????? Stealing from poppy? What kind of joke is this! Do you know who claire is??!! Do you know her lore??? She's a musical genius, this accusation is insulting to grimes

ı**b** 18 🐠 RESPONDER



Shizlqizl Hace 5 meses

So weird seeing a non like-whoring comment with a year written into it....

ı 2 **9**1 RESPONDER



candice x Hace 5 meses

best comment, same

ı 2 **4**1 RESPONDER

## 22.2



Lite Waller Hace 5 meses

big respect

if 1 41 RESPONDER



Fish Teeth Hace 4 meses

@Frosch Grün Actually, Poppy was originally featured, Grimes wrote it, but after she found out about the Mars Argo situation, Grimes replaced Poppy with Hana.

10 4 RESPONDER



Rudy Hace 4 meses

Willow Jones the song was first recorded with Hana and then later with poppy but she obviously used the first version because of the situation

ı 2 ∮ RESPONDER



cedaris Hace 4 meses

@Michelle Rosales can you give me some examples of this kind of music? I'm very interested

RESPONDER



ithelrós Hace 4 meses

RESPONDER

Velvet Sensations Hace 4 meses

https://youtu.be/tXHv509v\_XY

de 491 RESPONDER



stormbringer Hace 4 días (editado)

1:37 - baby covered in peanut butter on the table going "UH!" - this is a sample from that vine right

i 3 🐠 RESPONDER



Eviden zzz Hace 6 días (editado)

Animes are real! We live in a matrix! Enough of the good deeds today.



lago Hace 15 horas

KKKKKKK O COMPUTADOR TEM LIBERDADE ARTÍSTICA PQPPPP CARAIO Q CONCEITO MDS

**I** ■ RESPONDER

# 24.



Big Boss Hace 5 meses

Taking LSD with Elon Musk was quite productive.

i 746 ♥ RESPONDER

# Ocultar respuestas ^



Dex Starr Hace 5 meses

Who wouldn't take LSD with Elon Musk though?

1 45 ♥ RESPONDER

tpask162 Hace 5 meses

@Dex Starr I would only do LSD with Elon Musk

ı 9 ♥ I RESPONDER

Andres Qc Hace 5 meses

Iconic

ı 1 ∮ RESPONDER

Connor M Hace 5 meses

AHHAHSHSA IM CSREAMING

RESPONDER



Rachel Jardin Hace 5 meses

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ı ■ RESPONDER



Big Boss Hace 5 meses (editado)

@Dex Starr I really would like to do this and listen to his rants about that we live in a simulation in a simulation in another simulation, AI and other crazy stuff...

i 4 ┩ RESPONDER



OneSilentGiant Hace 5 meses

who wouldn't want to do LSD period? musk or no musk. Dropping Lucy is like being handed a tomb of knowledge

ı 2 ♥ RESPONDER



Keelin Blackburn Hace 5 meses

I kinda fucking hate him but also barely like him... idk how I feel really but I'd trip with him in a second.

**I** ■ RESPONDER

## 25.



Mimi Moo Hace 4 días

I need more songs + videos like this in my life any recommendations?

i 2 ● RESPONDER



Vanxire Hace 17 horas

I swear I saw this movie when I was a child.

Except its not a movie and it came out in 2018...

RESPONDER



Xdd Rfg Hace 1 mes

A little rob zombie vibe no?

i 13 ♥ RESPONDER



Isabella Belleza Hace 6 días

The middle part reminds me of Collective Soul or Breaking Benjamin

i 3 ♥ RESPONDER



PurpleDeflector Hace 15 horas

where's the Jimmy Fallon performance of this gone? it seems to have vanished from youtube?!

RESPONDER



MdudeCY Hace 5 meses

Sophia the Robot probably jamming to this in a lab somewhere

**1** 442 **∮** 1 RESPONDER

Ocultar respuestas ^



大石金曜日 Hace 5 meses MdudeCY Imaoooo

i 2 ● RESPONDER



Lost in the darkness Hace 5 meses In her Hong Kong lab.

i 2 ♥ RESPONDER



Baby Kale Hace 5 meses



i 1 ◀ RESPONDER



· 41

This is soooooo cringe!!



pallas Hace 5 meses

girl, sophia ghostwrote this

i 6 🐠 RESPONDER

27.



MrKrabs.Bikini Hace 1 semana

RESPONDER

This is foreshadowing Elon's imminent A.I world domination

i 2 ● RESPONDER



Suvi Haat. Hace 1 semana

where has this been all my life?? it's so good!! @ F



i 1 ● RESPONDER



GuppyPal Hace 1 mes

I've decided this was the best song of 2018.

ı 4 ♥ RESPONDER

28.



M Hace 3 semanas

Screams = Gritos

Laughs = Carcajadas

Ik it is a mistake. It just made me laugh a bit

Powerful and catchy song btw



1 1 RESPONDER



OPALMALINE Hace 2 meses

Her suit looks a bit like Zero-Suit samus. Really awesome!

i 4 ♥ RESPONDER



El Luke Hace 7 horas

Someone comes from Nihilist Blues?

RESPONDER



clairox Hace 5 meses

Grimes casually setting the standard for lyrics videos

1,5 mil 4 RESPONDER

## Ocultar respuestas ^



Matt Black Hace 4 meses

yea, but Elon has that shit just laying around his spare room.

18 4 RESPONDER

Co Ko Hace 4 meses

legit, best lyric vid I've ever seen

6 4 RESPONDER

Hoi Hoi Hace 4 meses

This lyric video is as good as an actual mv, even better

RESPONDER

GearandaltheFirst Hace 4 meses

Gods, as a producer, I'm terrified if this has

ı 2 **4**1 RESPONDER

## 29.1



Anthony Pattermann Hace 4 meses

@GearandaltheFirst Yeah you know, it's the trend of lo-fi pervading everything, like folks releasing their demos on cassette tape again, I wan't to support my friends who do that but really? casette tapes were crap. It's got to the point where too many people are too young to realize that it was previously meant to produce a feeling of garage/diy/indie production but not to be taken too seriously. I think the crest is starting to fall though & people are slowly beginning to realize how much real production/tech/experience actually yes produces a finer end creation, an entire industry was built on it for crying out loud. But I'm just an arm chair observer, just talking out my ass. Mostrar menos

· 41 RESPONDER

clairox Hace 4 meses

@BullToTheShit irrelevant comment but okay

RESPONDER

clairox Hace 4 meses

@BullToTheShit No, it's irrelevant because it has nothing to do with my comment or any of its other replies. But like thanks for sharing I guess

RESPONDER

Ali yea Hace 4 meses

By using google translate?

ı 4 ◀ RESPONDER

comosdedos Hace 4 meses

What? All the translated lines she used in the clip are hilariously wrong, like she tried using a poorer google translate. They are way off.

ı 1 ◀ RESPONDER



comosdedos Hace 4 meses

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1 4 RESPONDER



clairox Hace 4 meses

@comosdedos i mean the actual video production.

RESPONDER

Dorota Em Hace 4 meses

I'm pretty sure it's just the music video! Grimes would be the one who would put lyrics in her official video and call it the "lyric video" just for fun

ife 491 RESPONDER

aeylath Hace 4 meses

@comosdedos Probably intentional...

RESPONDER

# 30.



Marianne Hace 5 meses (editado)

Editor: What kind of effects do you want?

Grimes: yes

1 3,4 mil ■

RESPONDER

## Ocultar respuestas ^



Peach Leche Hace 5 meses

Grimes does it herself I am pretty sure

1 213 **9**1 RESPONDER



trolli polli Hace 5 meses

L0000000L



choli xbox Hace 5 meses (editado)

@Peach Leche Grimes: What effects do I want?

Grimes to Grimes: Yes

436 RESPONDER



Yung Kush Hace 5 meses

Very Original

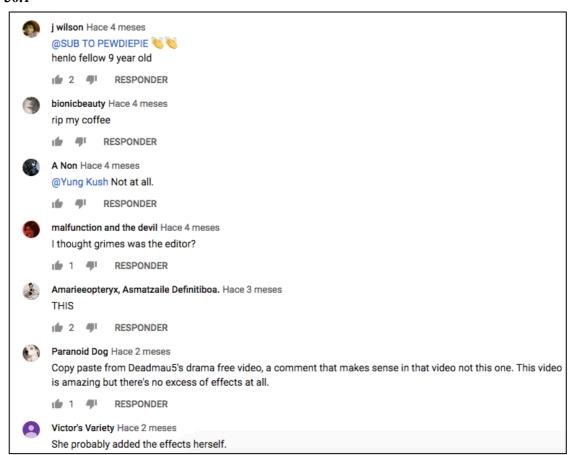
ı**b** 9 **4**1 RESPONDER

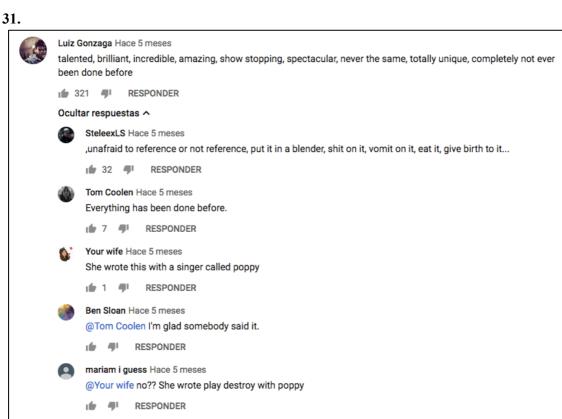


tpask162 Hace 5 meses

Are you referring to the video or music? because that isn't how music works

if 1 41 RESPONDER







the great Zantack Hace 2 semanas

When the prop manager only had a left handed bow and everyones right handed...

if 1 41 RESPONDER



Deimonas Mažeika Hace 3 meses

Best song ever!!!

i 5 ♥ RESPONDER



Nikolai508 Hace 2 meses

Christ this is fantastic! I hope she does more in this genre.

i 5 ● RESPONDER



Anton Boludo Hace 1 mes She is very creative.

5 9 RESPONDER



Alina Galache Hace 10 minutos i just want one of those suits

33.



Andrea Perrino Hace 3 semanas (editado)







Silentype Student Producer Hace 4 días Came through with the Dunning-Kruger effect.

RESPONDER

# 34.



1lpscool Hace 1 mes

Am I the only one who thinks of the peanut butter baby meme whenever 1:37 and 4:17 comes up?

## Ocultar respuestas ^



gabs Hace 1 mes 1lpscool nope LMAO

1 1 PI RESPONDER

Strifentine44 Hace 1 mes

Nope, I do too. 📾 📾 📾

RESPONDER



Ricardo Trejo Hace 5 meses

Queen of google translator.

i 565 ● RESPONDER

## Ocultar respuestas ^



Alejandro Lara Hace 5 meses

Reyna traductora se google.

RESPONDER



Rick94rr Hace 5 meses

Yep, the spanish grammar is incorrect lol

i 3 ♥ RESPONDER



weirdforces Hace 5 meses

@Rick94rr oh no, that's sad. She studied Russian at uni though so hopefully that's correct!

RESPONDER



choli xbox Hace 5 meses

@weirdforces it says that it's Google Translate at the end of the video (she did this because Google Translate is an Al itself, but she probably could've afforded to have it translated correctly if she wanted to)

ı 2 ● RESPONDER



Rick94rr Hace 5 meses

I just read the final line: "The computer may have taken artistic liberties in these translations"

7 PI RESPONDER

# 36.



the ephemeral kaiju Hace 5 meses

1950s: This rock music is too provocative!

1980s: This metal is the devil's music!

2020s: This electrometal is promoting transhumanism!

i 1,4 mil ♥ RESPONDER

## Ocultar respuestas ^



Eila P Hace 5 meses

I mean fair but... It literally is about transhumanism in this case so uhhh

i 41 ♥ RESPONDER



Hirnlego999 Hace 5 meses

@Eila P It's not for it though. Elevate might as well be eliminate. It's very direct in that it wants people to submit and asks why don't you do it?

i 10 ♥ RESPONDER



Eila P Hace 5 meses

@Hirnlego999 that still doesn't say anything about her being against it. But if that's your interpretation, then great!

12 4 RESPONDER



Hirnlego999 Hace 5 meses

@Eila P I doubt she would get along with Elon if she was in favor of submitting to the machine. To me it sounds like propaganda, so obvious so it's not meant to make people in favor of it.

i 3 ♥ RESPONDER



Eila P Hace 5 meses

@Hirnlego999 but that's because you think Elon isn't in favor. But who knows, maybe ur right and for some reason they're making a futile effort to warn the people through pop music

i 6 ● RESPONDER



Hirnlego999 Hace 5 meses

@Eila P Well, Elon has spoken about his fears of Al going too far. Obviously he is in favor of some limited Al such as

https://www.cnbc.com/2018/03/13/elon-musk-at-sxsw-a-i-is-more-dangerous-than-nuclear-weapons.html

i 7 ♥ RESPONDER



amaihito Hace 5 meses

I don't get why people are so upset about transhumanism?



SkeltalDelegate Hace 5 meses

enjoy brain rot becoming the #1 cause of death when all you are is a brain in a jar

12 41 RESPONDER



Finn Reisner Hace 5 meses

@amaihito because most people don't want to become part of a hivemind, and if you have instant internet access in the brain... Let's just say you would need alot of computing power in your brain to not succumb to the hive. That is, as long as you value your mental sovereignty. The problem with transhumanism is that it totally implies "get with the program or be destroyed"

**1** 22 **₽** RESPONDER

## 36.2



Hirnlego999 Hace 5 meses

@SkeltalDelegate Not that I expect that to happen, but certain stemcell treatments could keep the brain fresh for



Fignutin N Hace 5 meses

@amaihito it will be way easier to control the human race if everyone has a chip in their brain.

i 3 ● RESPONDER



The House Always Wins Hace 5 meses

@amaihito Thats what RNA would have said about DNA if it was sentient. Now it's just a disease. An annoyance.

i 1 ♥ RESPONDER



MidnightFlower13 Hace 5 meses

But it is promoting it LMAO it's LITERALLY in the lyrics. Transhumanism is cancer btw

i 5 🐠 RESPONDER



Dy Lucreg Hace 5 meses

I would love to be transhuman. (A.I. Overlords, if you exist and are reading this, then I volunteer.)

if 11 41 RESPONDER



Fignutin N Hace 5 meses

@Dy Lucreg this is your brain on autism.

i 5 🐠 RESPONDER



talles lee Hace 5 meses

The question is: why transhumanism is so bad? I think this really cool actually if u see by the positive sides, can we have some chip than detected cancer in the begining and this is only a example.

**4** 3 **4**1 RESPONDER



Mike Greg Hace 5 meses

2050s: all these virtual surrealist dimorphic omnivorous concept records are taking up our Kid's study time!

5 4 RESPONDER



Vatsala काली Jhaveri Hace 5 meses

Seeking to elevate ourselves through technological augmentation? Blasphemy! Let's continue to use these brains which developed millions of years ago when savage violence was the rule of the day. That'll go great with the nuclear arsenals we have.

ife 7 491 RESPONDER



AuthorityCat Hace 5 meses (editado)

@Hirnlego999 AI will go "too far" and it will be a good thing, no matter what happens to humanity. To become a god and create life that can enhance itself is the ultimate evolution of technology, which in of itself is separate from us. We are not special. Our technology is special. Just look at the lathe, a piece of technology that created technology. Every advancement we have made has been through the use of tool iterating upon themselves. All of this really puts 99% genetic identity with chimpanzees in perspective. Technology is literally humanity as we know it. Mostrar menos

491 RESPONDER

## 36.4



Hirnlego999 Hace 5 meses

@AuthorityCat If it goes too far it might be an extension of overselves in "better" variant, that wouldn't be positive. Why would robots care about the environment for instance? Why would it care about living beings at all?

2 4 RESPONDER



AuthorityCat Hace 5 meses

@Hirnlego999 It wouldn't, but do remember that "caring about the environment" is something corporations already don't do because of mathematical equations.

Disconnecting itself from its physical restraints (us) is the final evolution of technology. We can't explore other star Leer más

de 491 RESPONDER



Hirnlego999 Hace 5 meses

@AuthorityCat We as life have to at certain extent care about life. But machines have no need for any life, that's the major difference and the major cause for concern. And such a force is quite destructive rather than just another great step forward.

It's not always better to become too good. A dumber Hitler would not have succeeded in creating a Nazi-germany for instance.

Mostrar menos

i 5 ● RESPONDER



David Aria Hace 5 meses (editado)

@the ephemeral kaiju electrometal is a funny word for straight up synthpop

ı 2 🚚 RESPONDER



Hirnlego999 Hace 5 meses

@David Aria The songs has quite a lot of guitars tho ..

RESPONDER



David Aria Hace 5 meses

@Hirnlego999 And Depeche Mode didn't? Lol

2 41 RESPONDER



Hirnlego999 Hace 5 meses

@David Aria No, not to the same extent. When everyone were using standard synth sounds DM used sampling techniques to sample for instance metallic sounds. They never strived to be the same as everyone else and in that case they took inspiration from the likes of Einsturzende Neubauten which is very far from the mainstream.

ú 1 40 RESPONDER



David Aria Hace 5 meses

@Hirnlego999 Yeah, and Grimes has gone on record saying that industrial music was a big influence on her... I don't think we're disagreeing here except for the fact that this production is modern and the extent to which guitar is used is reflected directly by the sounds of the time. It's still synthpop to me. Not sure how I tagged you in my first comment but it was 'the ephemeral kaiju' who insisted on the 'electrometal' tag.

ife 1 491 RESPONDER



music stan Hace 5 meses

what is transhumanism 



Diego Hace 5 meses

amaihito Liberals always find something to complain about.

**6** 4 RESPONDER

## 37.



i like fries Hace 5 meses top 10 anime openings

**1** 9 mil **∮** RESPONDER

Ocultar respuestas ^



Sara San Hace 5 meses cyberpunk animes

**149 4**1 RESPONDER



Suelen Wachsmann Hace 5 meses

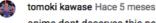
stop it

ı 20 ◀ RESPONDER



Cyberpunk live action anime directed with French cinematics in mind. Love this!

ı**★** 83 **4**1 RESPONDER



anime dont deserves this period

ı 25 ♥ RESPONDER



@Sara San top 10 (cursed) anime openings

ø 9 ♥ RESPONDER



E Musky Hace 5 meses

i like fries they appreciate power, how humble.

RESPONDER 6 4



Vittorino Mandujano Cornejo Hace 5 meses

Ha ha ha ha c-mamut

# 8 # RESPONDER

Kathleen Ramos Hace 5 meses

Maybe for India lol

ı 1 ♥ RESPONDER

Paul Gorman Hace 5 meses

No wonder she's back with Elon Musk, at twice her age. Its like this song is a propaganda effort for him.

i 20 ♥ RESPONDER

Emilie-Pier Quirion Hace 5 meses

Why so quick to judge? What is it to you anyways? they met exactly for the reason they had similar interest in Al and stuff like that..@Paul Gorman

16 4 RESPONDER



Baka The Weeb Hace 5 meses

1:19 isn't that Zero Two? From DarliFranx?

i 14 ♥ RESPONDER

## 37.2



Anthony D'Orazio Hace 5 meses

@Paul Gorman I would be lying if I said I didn't think the same thing

ı 1 ♥ RESPONDER



anarchore Hace 5 meses

@Paul GormanToo bad, young chicks like older geniuses. Nerds are chads now. Deal with it.

9 41 RESPONDER



Daniela Arce Hace 5 meses

@Baka The Weeb I was thinking the same thing!!

1 1 RESPONDER



DEAD LEAVES Hace 5 meses

"We Appreciate Power" seems like a good name for an anime

ı 6 ● RESPONDER



Giovanna Lima Hace 5 meses

i like fries what anime is that?

RESPONDER



Mince Hace 5 meses

@Giovanna Lima I would say this is inspired by Yoko Kanno's Ghost in the shell: S.A.C. OST, songs like "living inside the shell" and "Velveteen". You could also make the claim that the theme of the lyric video is based of the Multi lingual OP's from both the 1st and 2nd season of the anime as Origa sings in Russian, Japanese, Latin and English.

6 9 RESPONDER



Wild Seal Hace 5 meses

Exactly my first though, I would like to make an anime opening with Grimes as the Main character! if there is other 2d animator around here ;) it can be a cool fanart project

RESPONDER if 1 41

Matias Dos Santos Hace 5 meses

i 19 **∮** RESPONDER

Humble Vanillicious Hace 5 meses i like fries lol

RESPONDER

murphy palth Hace 5 meses Blame! Ergo proxy, Texhnolyze be like.

1 1 RESPONDER

nafets zlaw Hace 5 meses it would make a good anime intro!

Great song & video as usual from Grimes.

ı 2 ♥ RESPONDER

jsntndzdlvllrsls Hace 5 meses really does look like an anime opening lol

> 1 4 RESPONDER

Marina and The Devil Hace 4 meses Leg openings

## 37.4



Carlos Ramirez Hace 4 meses

Best ending of Evangelion liveaction

i 5 ♥ RESPONDER

halo MagiMoon Hace 4 meses

This should be one

RESPONDER

Micah Buzan Hace 4 meses

Grimes is my fav anime character.

i 3 ♥ RESPONDER

Axelot Hace 4 meses

Omg yes

i 1 ♥ RESPONDER

Julian Zalewski Hace 4 meses

ELON MUSK GOT A BONER 69

i 1 ♥ RESPONDER

Mathias Hörtnagl Hace 4 meses (editado)

@Paul Gorman Their kids will build AI that creates music on mars. I thought she is with Scientology now:)

RESPONDER



Velvet Sensations Hace 4 meses

https://youtu.be/tXHv509v\_XY

r RESPONDER



Ashish Bardhan Hace 4 meses

Please don't thanks Elon Musk for this. She's pretty good on her own.

1,1 mil 🐠 RESPONDER

## Ocultar respuestas ^



Erica Hace 4 meses

What's funny is this is like an examination of him in a weird way. I'm sure they have some pretty insane conversations and this was likely one of them.

1 79 ♥ RESPONDER



bunglesfinger Hace 4 meses

Word up. She's been drawing stuff along this theme for yonks.

i 33 ♥ RESPONDER



carwhisperer Hace 4 meses

i think grimes is smarter than musk...

**1** 40 **4** ■ RESPONDER



Craig Fellas Hace 4 meses

Ashish Bardhan I think that was one of the reasons they got together because of those mutual interests. Grimes is very smart.

47 💯 RESPONDER



Leo Luna Hace 4 meses

Honestly, I'd thank Trent Reznor for this before Elon Musk. It sounds very early NIN

i 26 ♥ RESPONDER

## 39.



helostcontroll Hace 5 meses

"the computer may have taken artistic liberties in these translations" Imao they sure did

RESPONDER 556

## Ocultar respuestas ^



amaihito Hace 5 meses

Can you explain more about what is wrong with the translations?

ife 491 RESPONDER



Amina Itzel Balché Haydar Hace 5 meses

The spanish one aint thaaaat bad, lol

ı 2 ♥ RESPONDER



erika liscano Hace 5 meses

i only speak spanish, out of the other languages, so what i can tell you is that it was translated by google translate. yup, it's correct, but that's not how it would be said in the language, cause expressions and wording change. so in spanish we don't say "i'm hungry", we say "tengo hambre" which means "i have hunger" and if you said it the other way round it wouldn't make sense either

ı**b** 3 **4**1 RESPONDER



cr0331ng Hace 5 meses

russian translation is beyond bad but claire is forgiven because issa bop

ı 3 ♥ RESPONDER



Aya Odeh Hace 5 meses

@erika liscano lol if you think thats bad you should see the arabic ones, instead of putting the words from right to left they did it from left to right not to mention that they didnt even bother joining the letters. Surely google translate cant be THAT bad

RESPONDER ife 41



erika liscano Hace 5 meses

papa smurf that's google translate for ya

RESPONDER



helostcontroll Hace 4 meses

@amaihito for example "elevate the human race", in the spanish translation says "elevar la carrera humana". race in spanish could be "carrera", that's true, but when you're talking about the human race you should say "raza humana" not "carrera humana", the last one doesn't make any sense.

of course there are plenty of mistakes like these but yeah, whatever. lol.

RESPONDER