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Estee Beck: I did leave Facebook, for example; I mean, ok, you know: what to do? I'm one person, right? But, you know, the other thing that I do is that, you know, I do give money to the Electronic Frontier Foundation--I, you know, volunteer and give them money. So that they actually have a whole team of attorneys that actually fight for issues like this. And, you know, so that maybe that's just one way to give back--maybe we don't, in a sense, have this kind of collective power/agency to really fight the system, but there is a whole organization that does. Same with the ACLU--they have a whole section that works with issues such as these to change policy and to work with large companies like Google and Facebook to make changes. So, that might be one particular direction to go into--and then, as for myself, I have a really uneasy relationship with a lot of the sites: you know, I love Facebook--and I don't know that I'll go back any time soon--I might. And then there are some other sites that I want to leave: for example, I want to leave Google, but here I sit--I have an Droid phone and I use Google--you saw me log into Gmail and Google Drive--and I use it professionally but I also have questions about all of the data collection that they do and how they use that data. And maybe part of it is also just informing people about what is happening through activist networks and just continuing talking to people one-on-one--even if it's in your local communities or your families--and just informing people and then maybe that's another step to take as well."

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