# Communal Space During the Web 3 Revolution:

Building social capital in the age of decentralization

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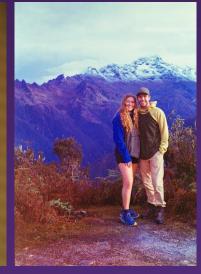




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#### ROADMAP

What is Social Capital?

Web 3 and Decentralization

Viable Applications













Transparency and Trust



Opportunities for Education





So what is...

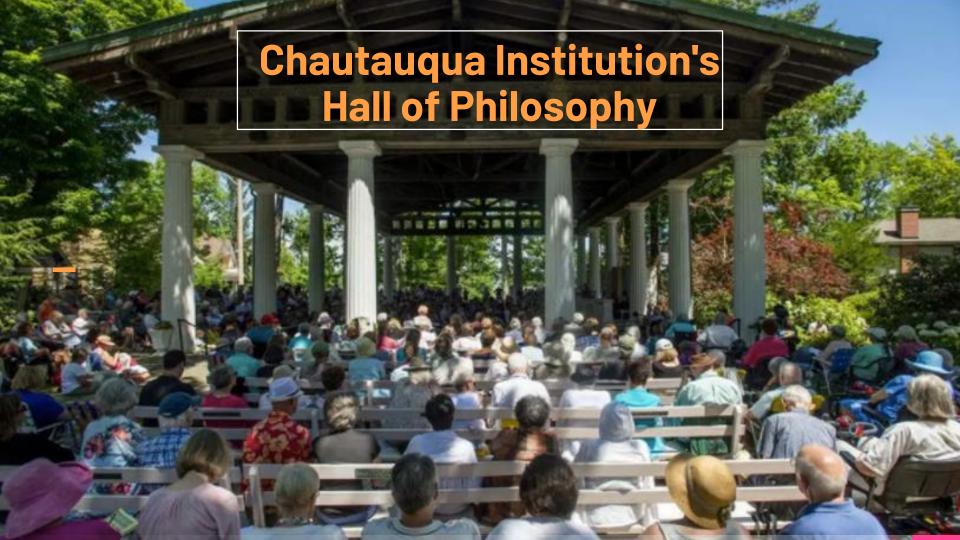
## \_ Social Capital

Let's Define









#### **Social Capital Definitions**

#### Putnam

Civic engagement and the interaction between individuals

#### Coleman

A finite resource embedded in networks

Not distributed equally

#### Bourdieu

Spaces provide opportunities for networks





#### **Social Capital Perspectives**

#### **EGO**

One's influence on individuals around them

Difference between attention captured and attention desired

#### Community

how a group of diverse individuals engage in shared space

Coffee Shops, Urban Parks, Libraries & Farmer's Markets

#### Institution

Beyond the constricted physical space

Continuous interaction outside of its communal space





## Why does increased social capital matter?





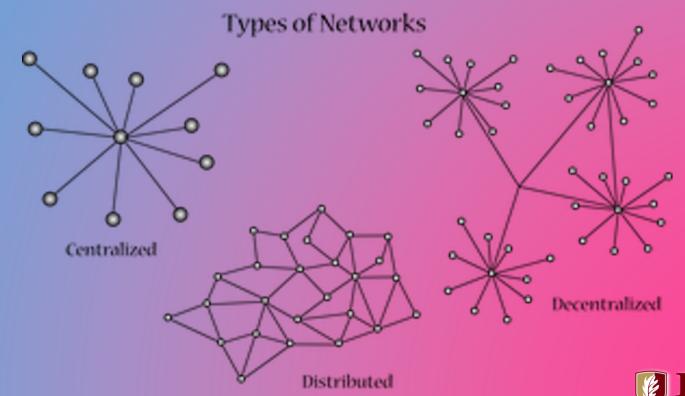
## Space as an opportunity







#### **Power of Network In Social Capital**





## Social Capital in Various Settings

Personal and Communal









Urban Parks







Westminster Cathedral







Elon University







Royal Geographic Society



#### Measures of Social Capital in Digital Spaces

Eigenvector Centrality

Ego



Raw Interaction

Communal or Institutional

Promote connectedness and build social capital















## Web 3 has entered the chat





#### Timeline of the Internet?

Web 1 Web 2 Web 3

Pre-1999

Advertisement Band

Open-Source

Dot.Com Bubble

1990-2020

Platform Based

Dynamic Content

Closed-Source

NOW

Database

The Semantic Web

Open Source



















Surveillance Capitalism
the unilateral claiming of private
human experience as free raw
material for translation into
behavioral data





**Transparent and** open-source internet based on smart contracts built on a blockchain





#### **Transparent and Open Source**

Transparent

Timestamped appendonly log which creates an auditable database

#### Open Source

Code is publicly accessible for distribution or modification without influence of any central authority





#### **Smart Contracts and Blockchain**

#### **Smart Contracts**

Programs run when predetermined conditions are met, such as automating an agreement

#### Blockchain

Distributed and immutable ledger to keep track of transactions and digital assets



1. Data: "I

"Hello World!"

2. Prev.Hash:

Hash:

034DFA357 4D56E1F05





#### Layer 1 and Proof of Work

Layer 1

Underlying

infrastructure to

validate and finalize

transactions

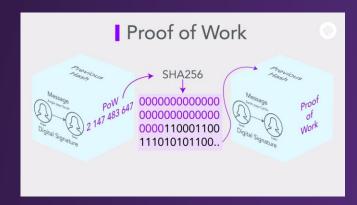
Proof of Work

First consensus

mechanism to secure

and verify transactions

by miners







#### **Ethereum**





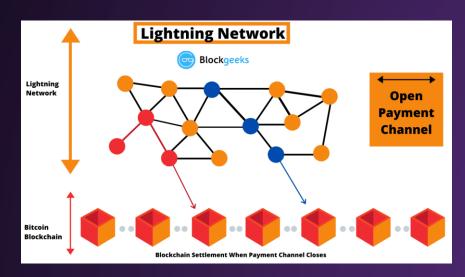






#### Layer 2

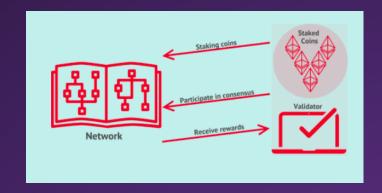
Secondary protocol built on top of an existing blockchain to solve scaling difficulties (transaction speed and high network congestion)











### Scalability Solution: Proof of Stake

The Proof of Stake algorithm uses a pseudo-random election process to select a node to be the validator of the next block, based on a combination of factors that could include the staking age, randomization, and node's wealth

Users who want to participate in the forging process, are required to lock a certain amount of coins into the network as their stake.





#### **Proof of Work** VS **Proof of Stake**





Validating capacity depends on the stake in the network



Miners receive block rewards to solve a cryptographic puzzle



Validators do not receive a block reward, instead, they collect transaction fees as reward



Hackers would need to have a computer powerful than 51% of the network to add a malicious block, leading to 51% attack



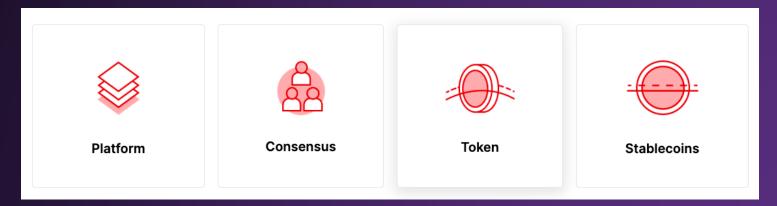
Hacker would need to own 51% of all the cryptocurrency on the network, which is practically impossible and therefore, making 51% attacks impossible.





## What's a Whitepaper

Avalanche







#### **Creator Economies**

Creator to consumer marketplace

Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs)

Blockchain empowers creators cutting out middlemen granting true ownership

Substack but Web3



Spotify but Web3



Sotheby's but Web3







#### **Cryptocurrencies and Finance**

Web3 is the rectangle to crypto's square



MemeCoin – Rug Pulls – how financial value is now based on looser perceptions

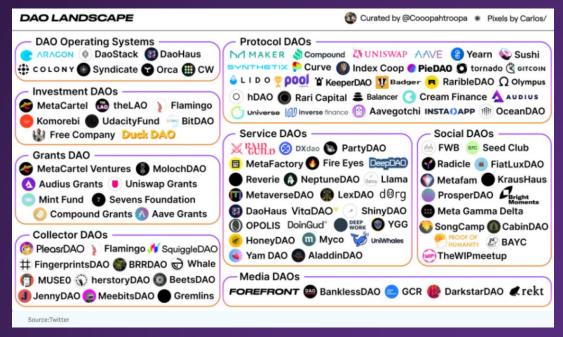




#### Governance: Decentralized Autonomous Organizations

Rules and protocols encoded transparently only altered by the organization's members

Democratizing Platform Ownership - Tokens







## Governance: DAOs Friends with Benefits





"Where Crypto Meets Culture"





### **Invisible College**





Nicke DeWilde





#### **Axie Infinity**

Play to Earn Protocol

2.5 Million Filipino Users



35% of Axie Community















# Anyone Confused? Questions?





#### What is stopping people from Web3

Cost and lack of access increase distrust

Need for more infrastructure and low-

knowledge driven on-boarding

Innate transparency should produce

innate trust

Value is directly tied to the consumer

Ownership correlated to the creator













## Social Capital in digital interaction





#### Students should be the Earliest Adopters

- Coordinating through mutual interests
- Those who invest in the network creates the network





## Closing Activity: Let's Make a DAO





#### Basic to build a DAO

### Mission

What are you working for?

## Community

Who is interested in this shared goal?

## Treasury

How are you obtaining capital and where?

#### Governance

How are you going to make decisions fairly?

## Ownership

How do members validate ownership?





#### ByExample DAO

#### Mission

Challenge and empower modern leaders to not only lead by example but also make a social impact

## Community

Attendees of the Student Global Leadership Conference

## Treasury

Membership Fee

#### Governance

Off-Chain Discord
On-Chain Consensus Voting

## Ownership

NFT purchase as conference application





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## \_ This is possible



Start a DAO in four steps.

- 1) Create a token using a Mirror crowdfund.
- 2) Store funds in a Gnosis Safe multi-sig.
- 3) Setup a Snapshot space for governance.
- 4) Make a Discord with token-gated access.

All of which is free to use (minus gas).

Good luck!





#### Profagate DAO

#### Mission

To spread and propagate exceptional educational resources created by leading professors

## Community

University professors who design their own course content

## Treasury

Distribute educational resources in a form of revenue model

#### Governance

Utilizing ERC-20 tokens members could elect "chairs" to expedite reviews of resources

## Ownership

ERC-20 token verification





## — **Q&A**



