

THE 10 STAGES OF TECHNOLOGICAL DISPLACEMENT

From Denial to Nostalgia

AI Era: Compressed from Generations to Years



NOTES

- Stages overlap; timing is illustrative, not predictive.
- Common phrases are illustrative, not attributed quotations.
- Pattern based on printing, photography, industrialization and digital transformation

HISTORICAL DISPLACEMENT TIMELINE: STRETCHED ACROSS 50+ YEARS



AI DISPLACEMENT TIMELINE: POTENTIALLY COMPRESSED INTO 5-10 YEARS



POSSIBLE FUTURES

A NEW EQUILIBRIUM
 Society adapts; humans flourish differently

B PERMANENT UNDERCLASS
 Basic security exists; opportunity and purpose do not

C COLLAPSE
 Social cohesion fails

D TRANSCENDENCE
 Human-AI merger