

# TECH CARTOGRAPHIES

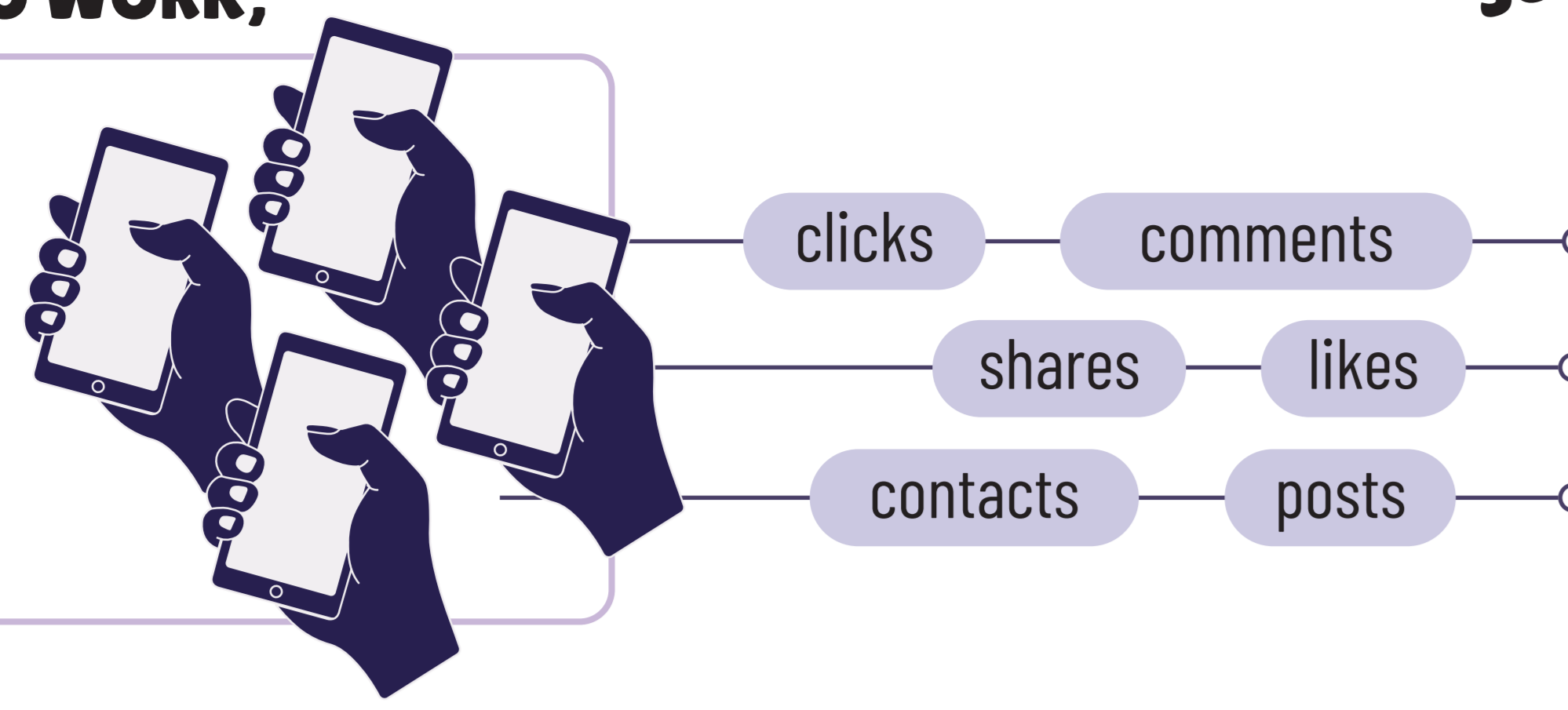
## YOUR CLOUD IS IN TERRITORIES

The Internet is nothing like a cloud. It is a physical structure, geolocated and crossed by power relations. Who holds the power in this structure? Who has access

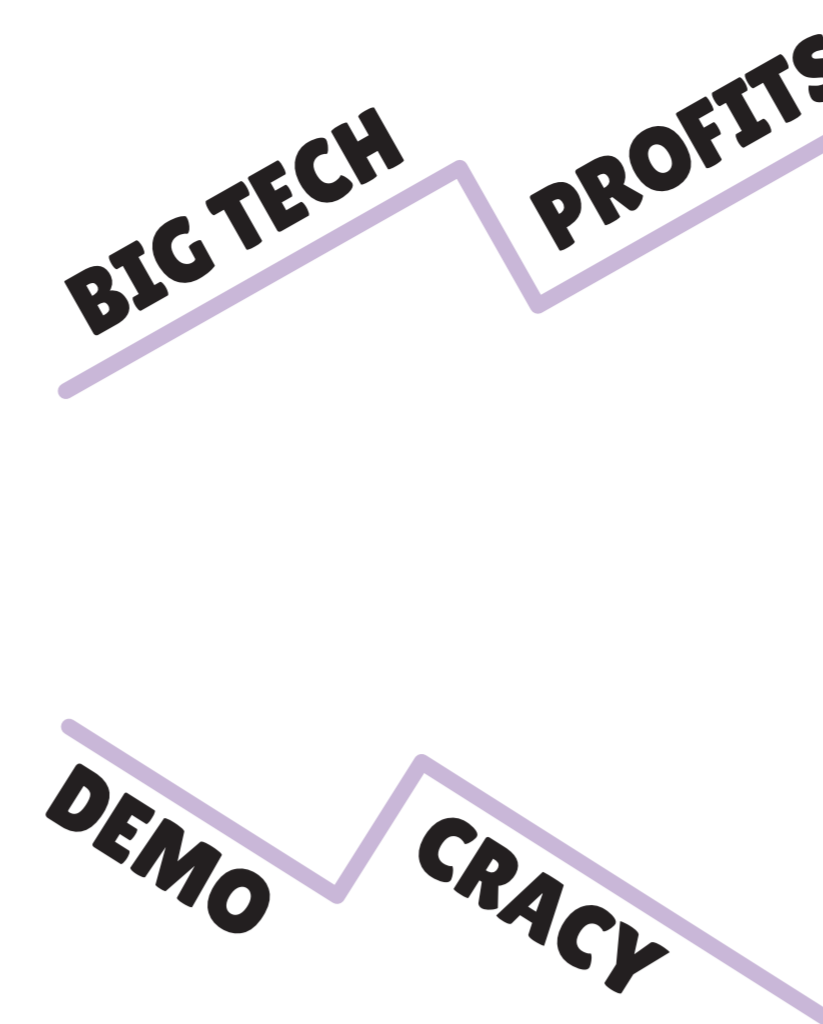
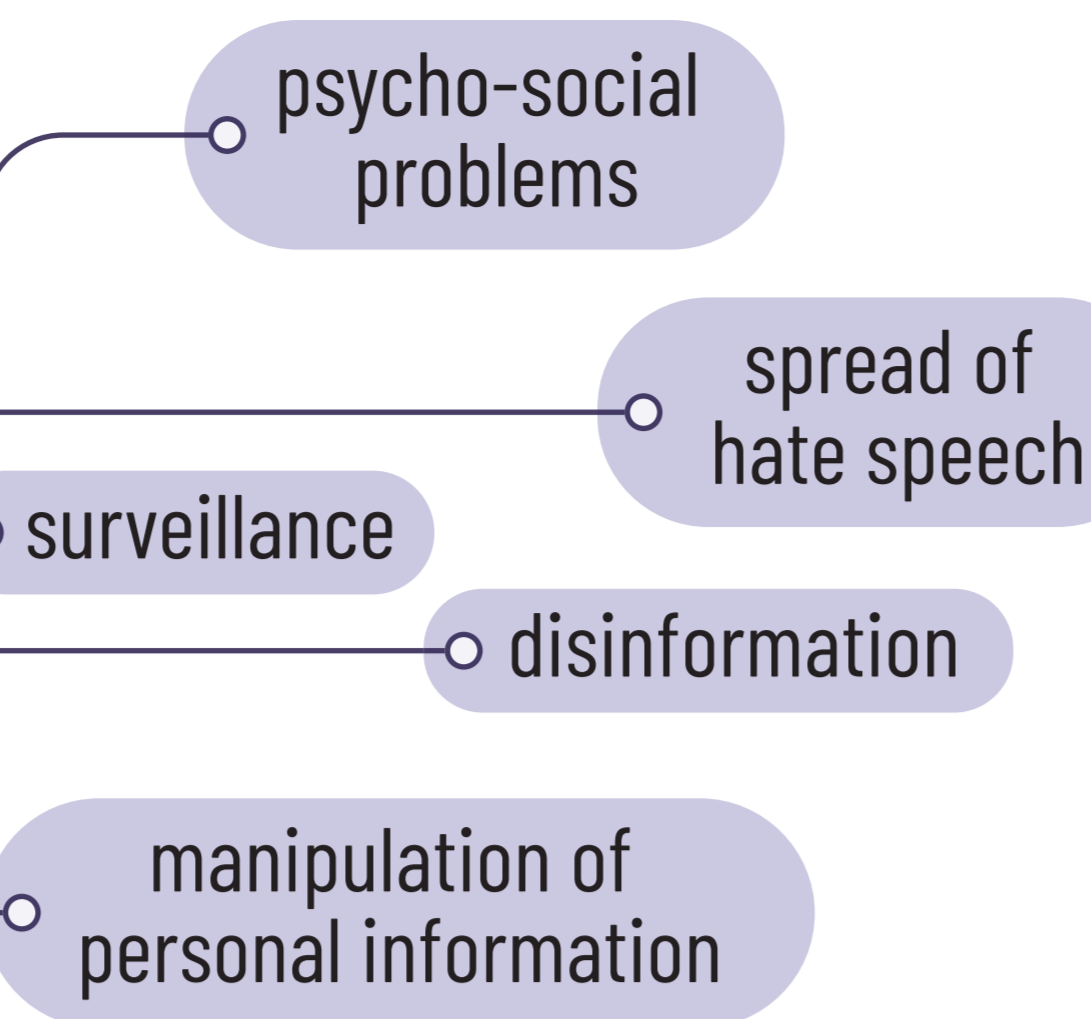
to this technology? Who profits, who loses, who consumes, who regulates? The Internet is also a territory in dispute, a clash that affects our offline struggles.

### FOR ALGORITHMS TO WORK,

all of us, technology consumers worldwide, are doing invisible labour for these companies through...



### SURVEILLANCE CAPITALISM



### DIGITAL COLONIALISM

Hate speech and disinformation boost engagement

**CANADA**  
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**USA**  
amazon, Meta, Microsoft, Apple, hp, Google, Dell

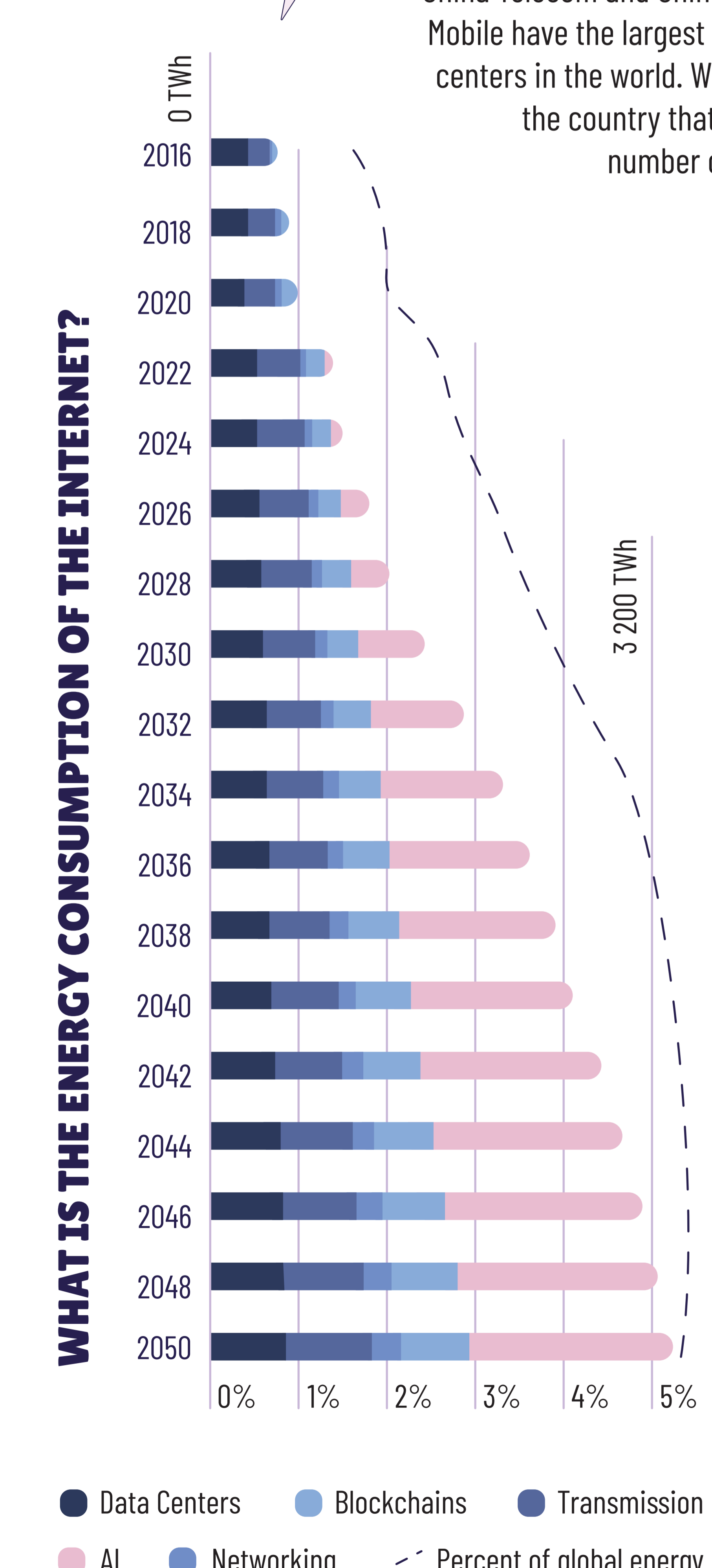
None of the CEOs of the big tech companies is a woman and, with rare exceptions, they are all male, white, cisgender, heterosexual, capitalist and capacitist. These are the worldviews transposed to software and algorithms, which are something like the soul of the electronic devices we use. These technologies operate on the logics of data extraction from bodies and territories and violently erase diversities.

There are over 420 submarine cables deployed around the globe. Their distribution follows the routes of telegraphs and colonial navigations. The largest cable owner is the American company AT&T, followed by China Telecom. However, in recent years, 80% of the investment in new cables comes from Facebook and Google.

One of the largest Google data centers in the world is located in The Dalles, Oregon, USA. Its water consumption has nearly tripled in the past 5 years, using over 25% of the water supplied to the city. The consumption is expected to increase as there are plans for two more data centers in the coming years.

**MORE THAN HALF OF THE WORLD'S ELECTRONICS MANUFACTURING IS IN CHINA.**  
Virtually all circuit boards are printed there. Even the United States is dependent on the production of basic components in China.

**DATA CENTERS ACCOUNT FOR ABOUT 4% OF GLOBAL ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND 1% OF GLOBAL GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.**  
China Telecom and China Mobile have the largest data centers in the world. While the USA is the country that has the highest number of data centers.



**MEXICO** Li, Cu, Au

**PANAMA** Cu, Au

**COLOMBIA** Au, Sn, Ta, Cu, Al, Au

**VENEZUELA** Au, Ta, Cu, Al, Au

**ECUADOR** Cu, Au

**BRAZIL** Au, Ta

**PERU** Li, Au, Ta

**BOLIVIA** Li, Au, Ta

**CHILE** Li, Au, Ta

**PARAGUAY** Li, Au, Ta

**ARGENTINA** Li, Au, Ta

**URUGUAY** Li, Au, Ta

Gold is illegally extracted on Kayapó, Munduruku and Yanomami indigenous lands, now traded by refiners supplying Apple, Microsoft, Google and Amazon.

Some 58% of the world's lithium reserves are in Latin America, mainly between Chile, Argentina and Bolivia.

**HOUSEHOLDS WITH INTERNET ACCESS IN BRAZIL (2022)**  
Southeast 82%  
Northeast 78% (\*18% via 3G/4G)  
South 81%  
North 76% (\*33% via 3G/4G)  
Central-West 83%

62% of the Brazilian population has access only through mobile phones (2022)

43% of the population in favelas have precarious access to the network (2021)

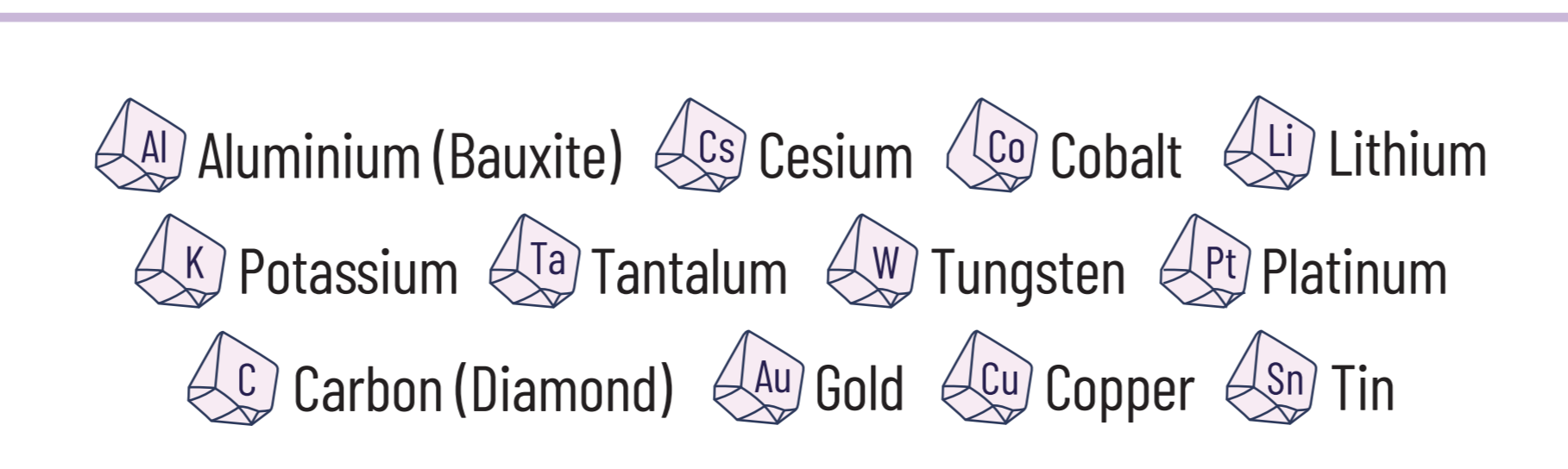
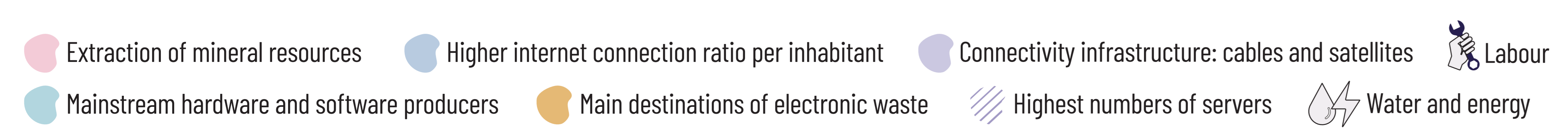
32% of rural households lack access to the network. Many are in indigenous and quilombola territories, primarily in the North and Northeast.

China, major electronics manufacturer for the world, is the largest producer of e-waste. In second place comes the USA. But unlike China, which is also the largest importer of such waste, the US exports its toxic waste to India, China, and several countries in Africa.

Many content moderation operations are outsourced to countries such as India, Kenya, the Philippines, and other Southeast Asian nations, where there is a large pool of English-speaking workers. The work conditions of these "cleaners" are abusive, marked by low pay, secrecy, and mental health consequences. But despite NDAs and alleged union-busting attempts, workers are unionizing and taking Big Tech to court.

**HAVE YOU HEARD OF ASTRONOMICAL POLLUTION?**  
In less than a decade, 1 in every 15 points of light in the night sky will be a moving satellite, causing significant changes for those who observe the sky. The most visible satellites are the ones in low orbit, like those from Starlink. Worse yet, the company plans to launch another 42,000 satellites by mid-2027.

### GEOPOLITICAL DIMENSIONS OF THE INTERNET



All references and sources of data presented on the map are available on the project's platform and can be accessed under [cartografiasdainternet.org](http://cartografiasdainternet.org) on your browser or via this QR code.

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