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# Donna Haraway's Cyborg Manifesto

Definition Cyborg

- CYBernetic ORGanism
  - Both 'real' and fictional
  - Against linearity
  - Against holism
  - Against binary oppositions
- Signaled by 3 'Boundary Breakdowns':
  - Human - Animal
  - Natural - Artificial
  - Physical - Virtual

Cyborg in Popular culture

- Scifi lit going back to Shelly and Hoffmanstall
- Blade Runner 1982 🎬
- Terminator 🤖

Cyborg & Feminism

- 'Postmodern social fragmentation'
  - End of nuclear family
  - Industrialization

HOWEVER.....

- Also breaks down existing dichotomies
- Opportunity for a 'new start'

"Re-coding responsibly"

NOTE: Utopian & Technological determinism!

This is where Cyborg fits in:

- Cyborg politics: struggle against perfect communication
- Dualism = domination:
  - Self / other
  - mind / body
  - culture / nature
  - etc.
- Consequences of Cyborg era:
  - Universality does not work anymore, = simplification!
  - Taking responsibility = embracing technology