

Welcome to the future of Government

Gated Community

Gated Community is a world in which Big Government is broke. Political power rests with individuals and private sector organizations. Individual responsibility and choice prevail in society and the private sector has become the main provider of collective services.

How did we get here?

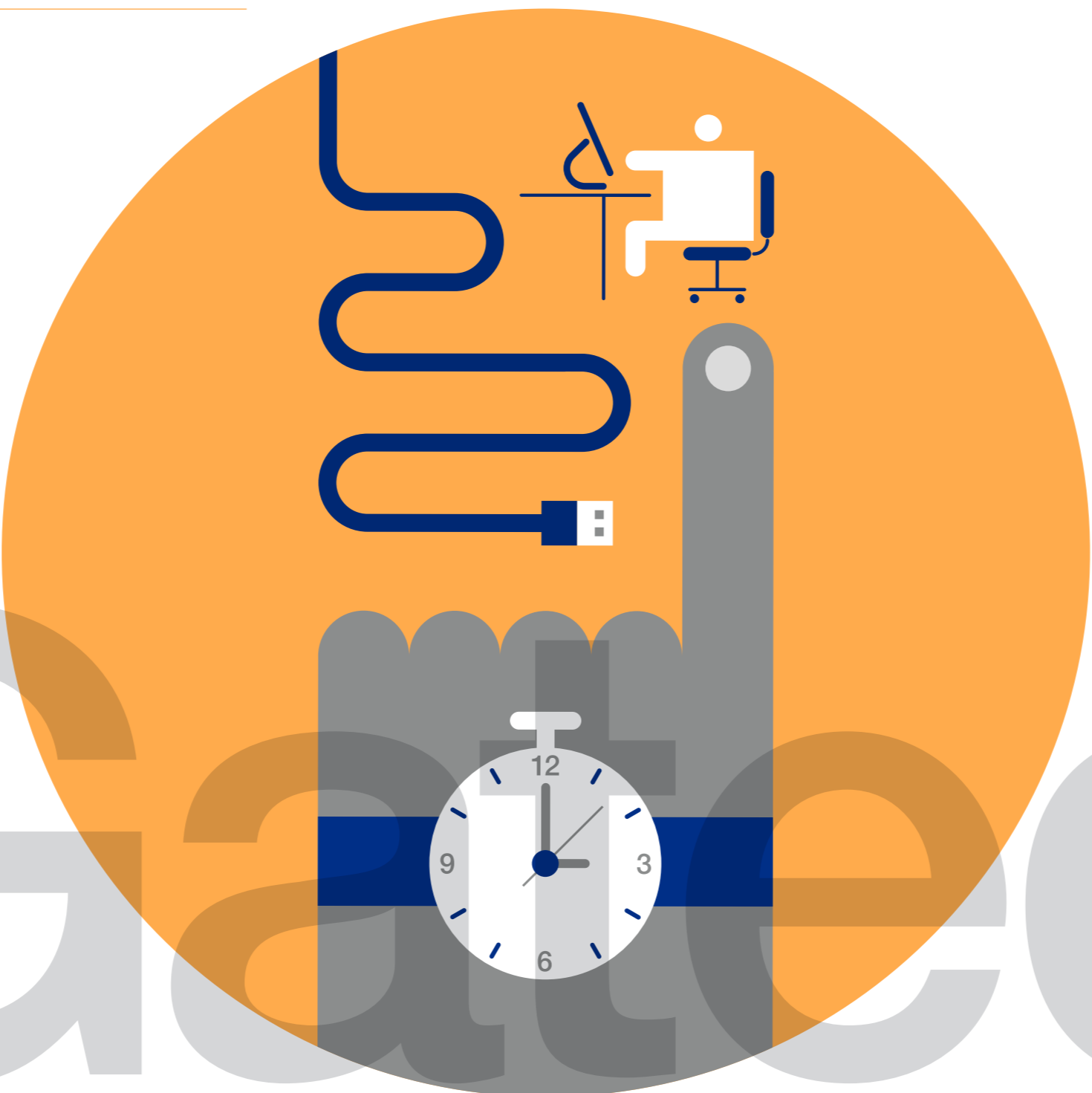
Inefficient management by government, coupled with the efficient privatization and tailoring of core services, leads to increased support for the private provision of collective services. Individual preferences over historical collectives and the desire for differentiated, tailored services, lead to the decline in collective solidarity, and an increased willingness for individuals to be more directly involved in public policy development and execution.

Citizens evaluate policy in real time: Governance representatives have strong incentives to be responsive, as technology offers the means to provide real-time policy evaluation.



Highly competitive markets for collective services: People have come to look to the private sector for a more efficient provision of collective services. People value individual choice and seek living environments and personalized services that reflect their individual core values and lifestyle choices.

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People co-design their living environment: People become highly involved in public policy-making and implementing, and are actively volunteering in their communities.



Social inequality is high: Individuals pay only for what they want and need, and express their preferences by moving to areas or by buying from providers who tailor to their desires.



What could you be asking yourself in Gated Community? What innovations might we see in this world? Is there no more cultural solidarity? What is the role of national governments? What collective goods will be public goods or private goods? What will be the implications of inequality? How does society solve collective action problems? How will the governance system manage changes in popular opinion?

Setting the Scene
The future can be imagined in different ways. The World Economic Forum's Strategic Foresight team and the Global Agenda Council on the Future of Government have developed three scenarios on how the world of governance could evolve by 2050. The scenarios aim to support strategic dialogue on the options we have in the present to shape desired governance systems of the future.

Through its Strategic Foresight activities, the World Economic Forum aims to support stakeholders in better understanding and addressing the complex problems and turbulence that societies are increasingly facing.
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