Accessibility as InnovationCreating a voting system for everyone

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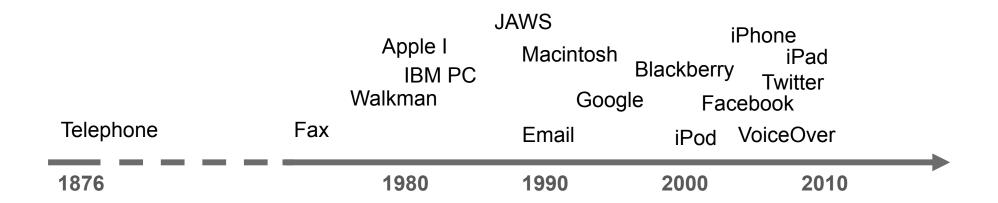
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Accessible.
But usable? Used?

Different lanes move at different paces Technology Election process, habits, & culture Voting systems Laws and regulation Slower **Faster**



The accelerating pace of technology change



Universal: one voting system

Flexible: allowing for differences

Robust: keep up with new technology



1. Adopt best practices



better

2. Create ^ ways to collaborate

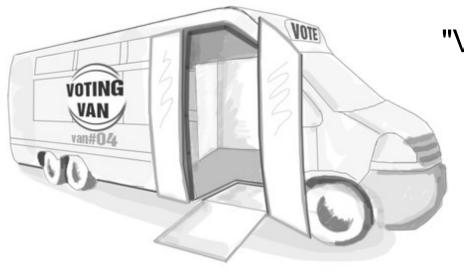






'Get out of the echo chamber' 'A chance to work *together'*

Photos: mtstcil.org and ITIF AVTI/CATEA



"Voting Vans" OpenIDEO Concept

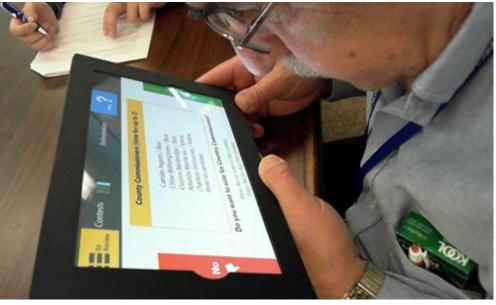
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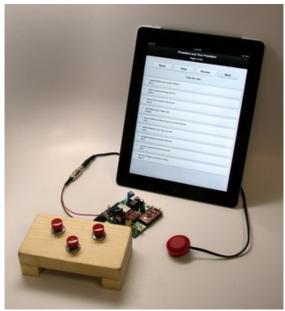
Voting Van: www.openideo.com/open/voting

lowa popup polling site: www.npr.org/2012/10/24/163560324/vote-while-you-shop-pop-up-poll-sites-sweep-iowa











Photos: MSU: testing a joystick. CATEA: testing dual switch navigation on EZBallot. GTRI: concepts for a tablet enclosure



3. Design for extremes



Start with accessibility first.

Create opportunities for collaboration.

Make voting easier for everyone.



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