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(*The Atlantic* 2011-05-01)

"Cyrus Farivar's skill as a perceptive analyst and captivating storyteller let us see the future of a connected world through his seasoned eyes."  
(Ethan Zuckerman *Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University* 2010-01-01)

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