



# New Face of Globalisation

## Digital Economy and Industry 4.0

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# Digital Revolution – it's political

Digital Revolution(s)  
are made by  
humans – thus open  
for contestations –  
social construction –  
nothing objective  
about it



Capitalism is basis  
for rise of  
xenophobic parties  
in the “West” and  
religious  
fundamentalism in  
parts of Global  
South – so what will  
Digital Revolution  
do?

Digital Revolution =  
Power

147 companies, 6 universities,  
46 scientific projects  
300 million euros invested in  
the last 5 years (€ 100 million  
of which alone in the projects)

This cluster dominates 75% of  
the worldwide electronic  
connector market

Never heard before of „Ostwestfalen  
Lippe“? Centre of German Industry 4.0



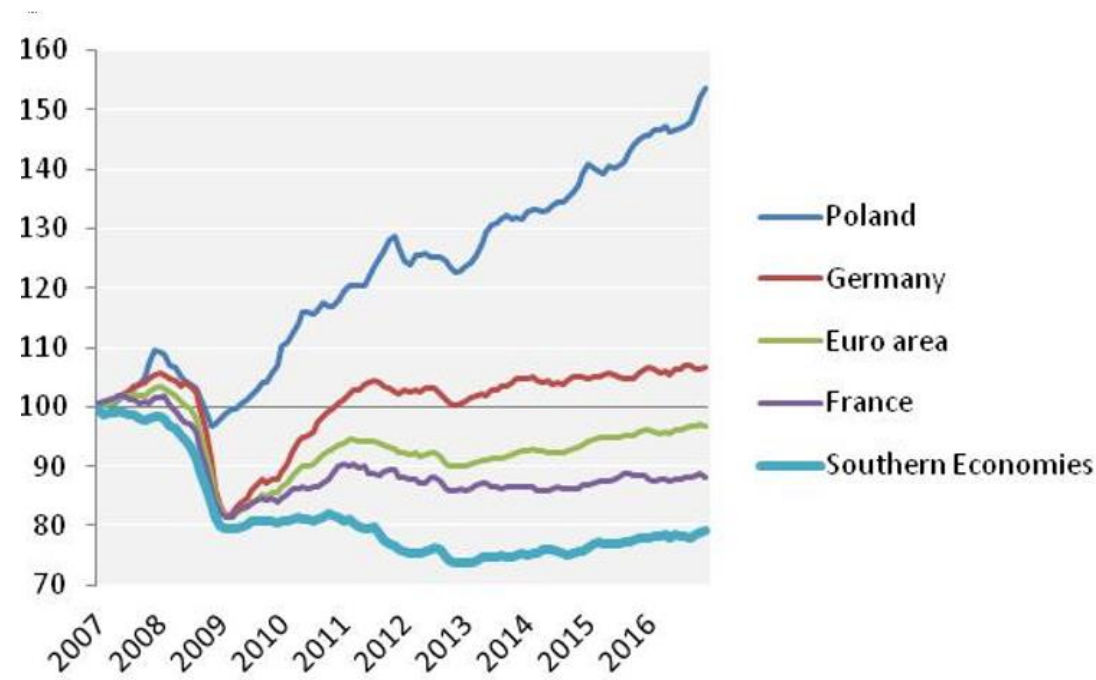


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über die Sie sprechen könnten.

# Digital Revolution = strengthening imperialistic submission?

Index of production for manufacturing  
2007=100 - 3 months moving averages (Eurostat)



The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and Its  
Geostrategic Imperatives (1997)





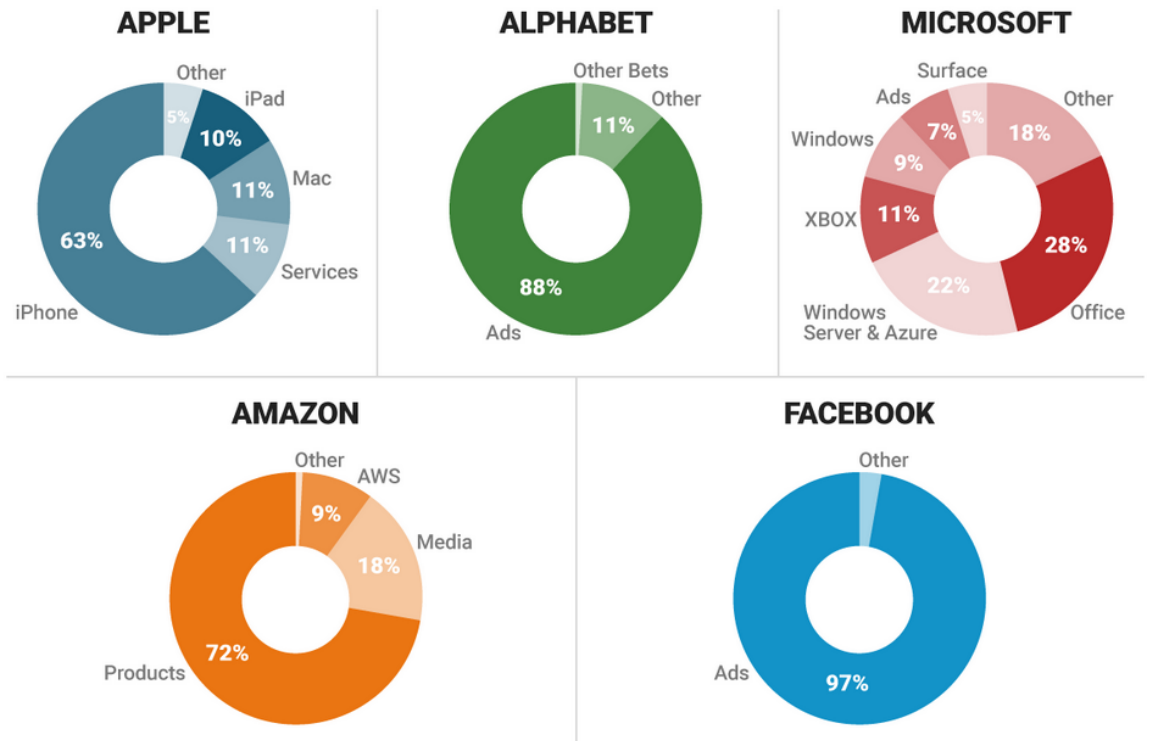
# Digital Revolution = next wave of capitalistic reconstruction?

What is needed for them:

1. Free flow of data
2. Storage around the world
3. Copyright
4. Intellectual Property

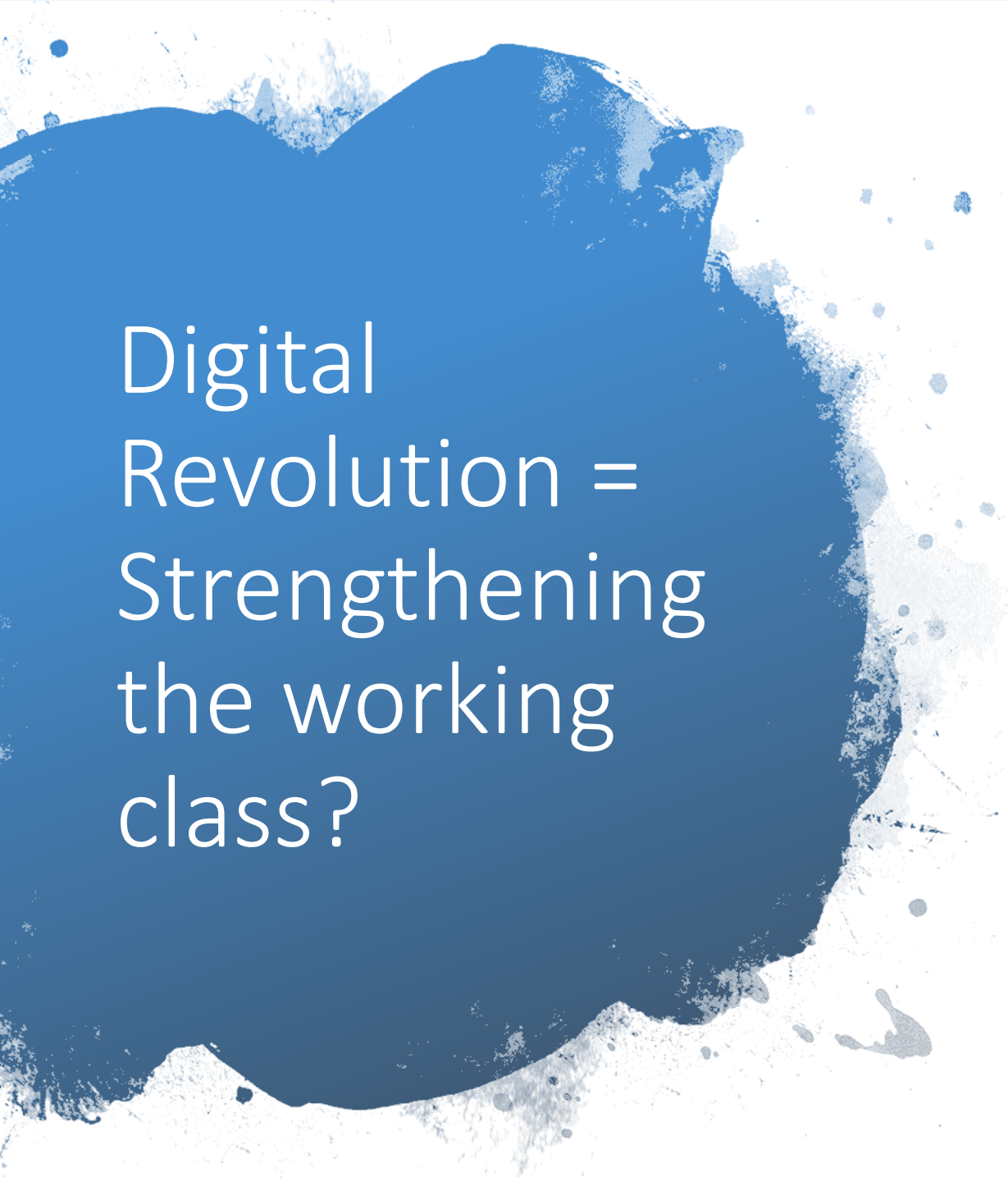
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## REVENUE STREAMS OF THE BIG 5 TECH COMPANIES



SOURCE: Company annual reports. Figures FY2016

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# Digital Revolution = Strengthening the working class?

- Post-Capitalistic society?
- Profit generation in the digital era?  
(Paul Mason)
- 3-D Printer?
- Economic citizenship, autonomy,  
cooperatives?