



Listen to Salem Elzway to Understand How Elites Have Used Automation

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In a recent issue of *Labor*, Salem Elzway and Jason Resnikoff published an article that gives all workers insights into this ongoing deployment of a term, and its history. [“Whence Automation? The History \(and Possible Futures\) of a Concept”](#) *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History*.



An interview featuring Salem Elzway is available from KPFA’s *Against the Grain*, [Take a listen](#) as Elzway works through the implications of the essay . It’s an hour long interview and well worth your time, and pass it along.

[Salem Elzway](#) emphasizes the political dimensions of automation, including how it’s been used against workers, and how the discourse of automation has been deployed by elites.

The essay, which would make a great essay for undergraduates and labor education

programs is here: Salem Elzway and Jason Resnikoff, ["Whence Automation? The History \(and Possible Futures\) of a Concept"](#) *Labor: Studies in Working-Class History*

And here is Labor Online's interview:



Labor Online posted [this interview](#) in April.

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