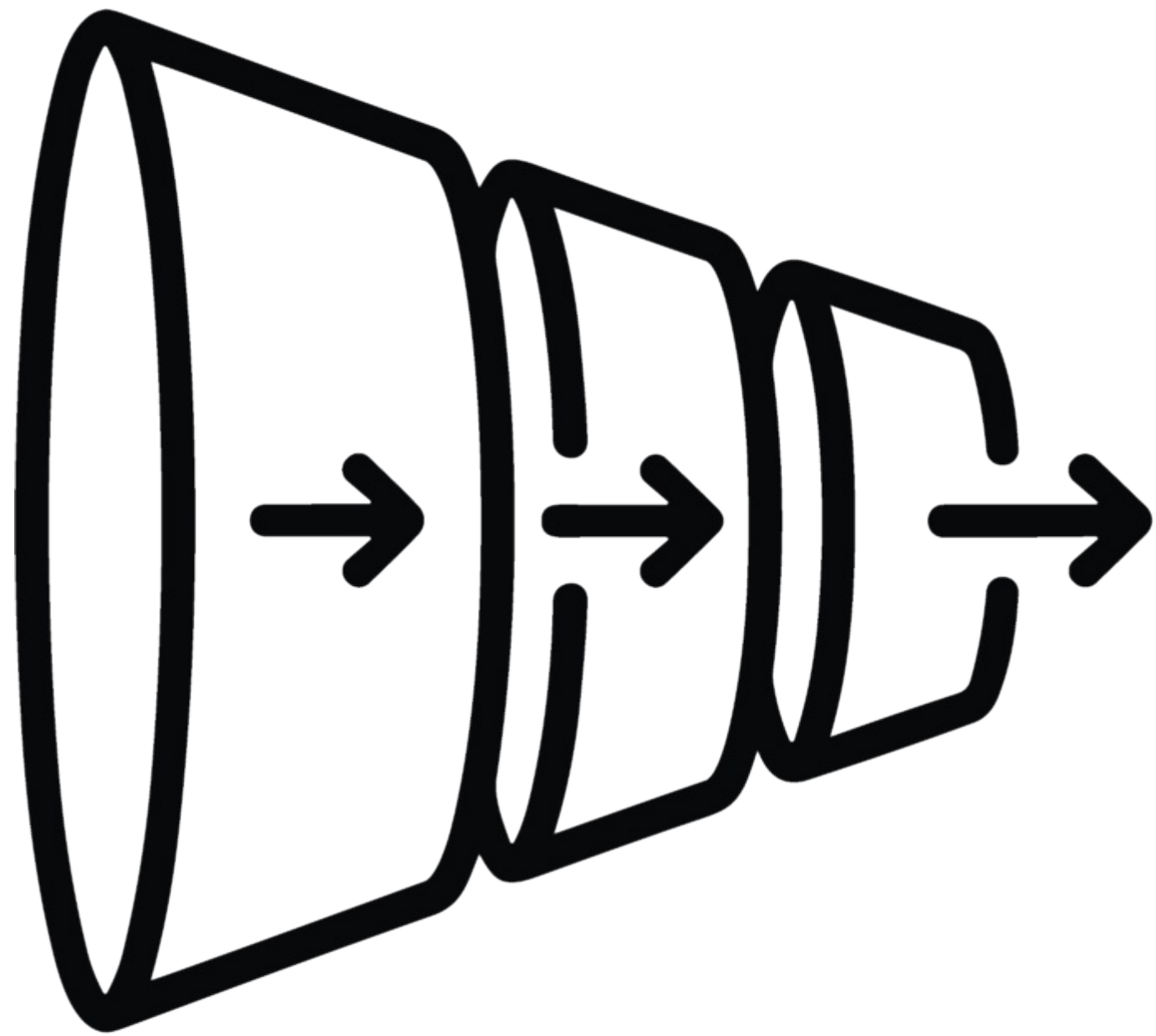


Feedback by whom for whom

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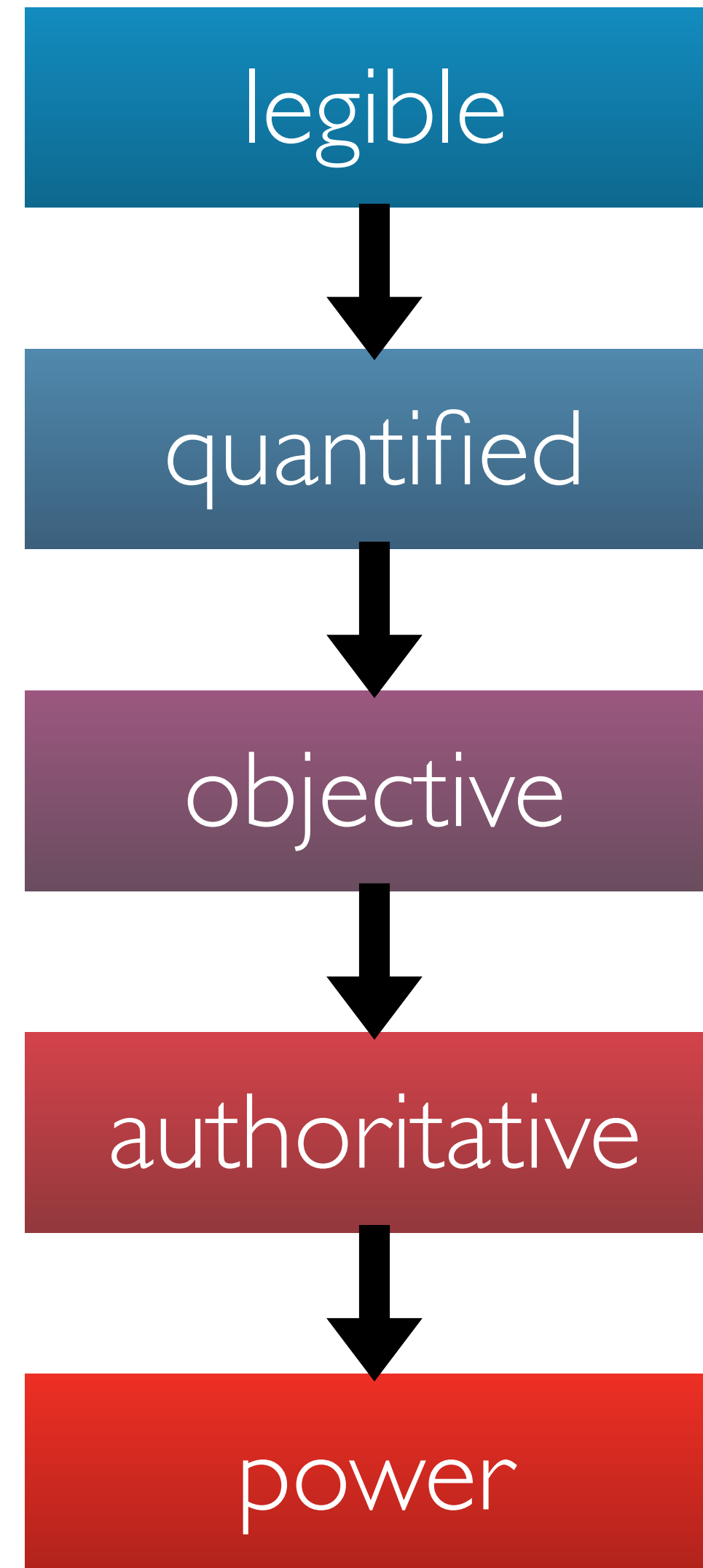


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The Quantification Trap



- intersubjectivity
- clarity
- standardization

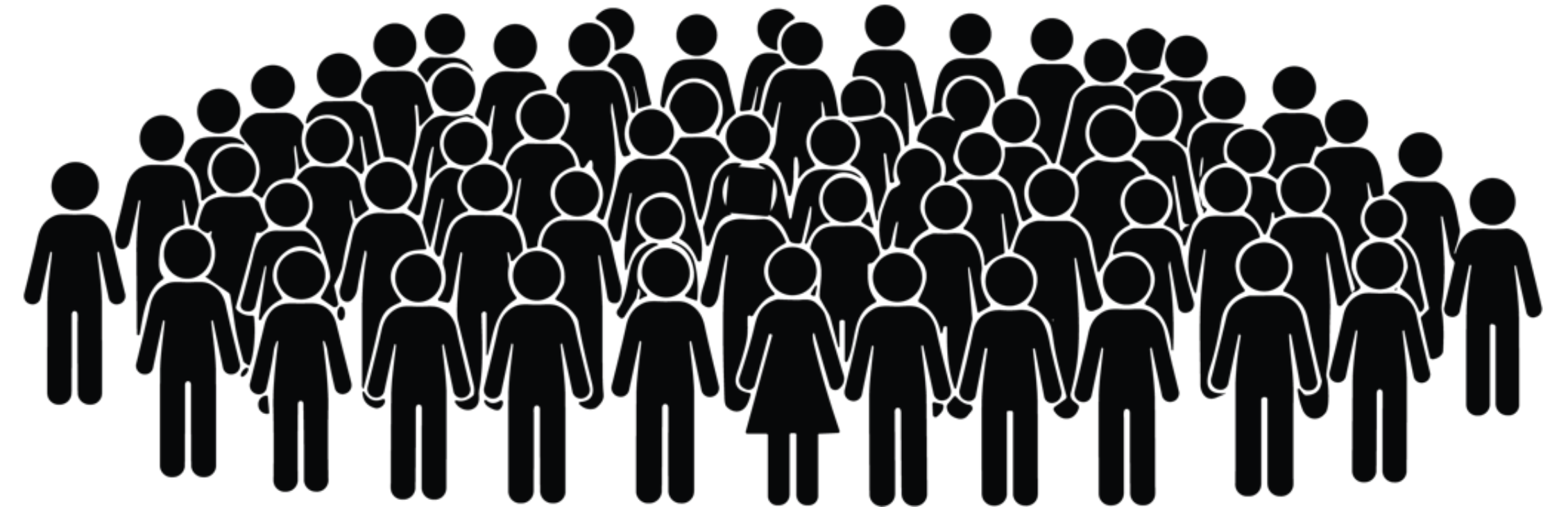


- removes discretion
- erases individuals
- enables violence

Erasing Individuals



maximize utility



maximize average utility

stop thinking like economists



Structural Violence

- “Forms of pervasive social inequality that are ultimately backed up by the threat of physical harm.” - David Graeber, ‘Dead Zones of the Imagination.’
- Violence needs no interpretation.
- Individuals exhaust energy making themselves properly seen (and hence not hurt) and empathizing with the powerholders.
- Powerholders don’t need to think about the governed individuals.
- The stupidity of bureaucracy is a feature for the powerholders.
- Bureaucracy is stupid when it is used as a system of de-empathization and structural violence.

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h/t Tim O'Reilly

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We call on all AI labs to immediately pause for at least 6 months the training of AI systems more powerful than GPT-4.

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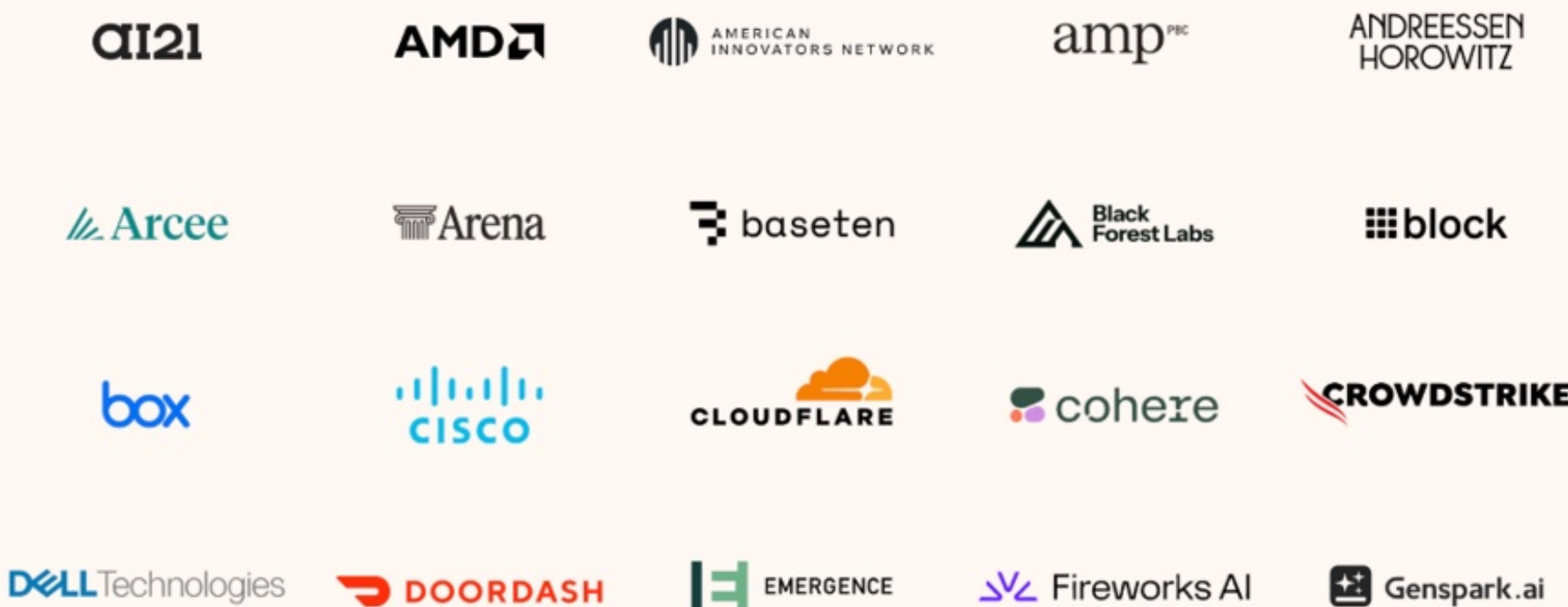
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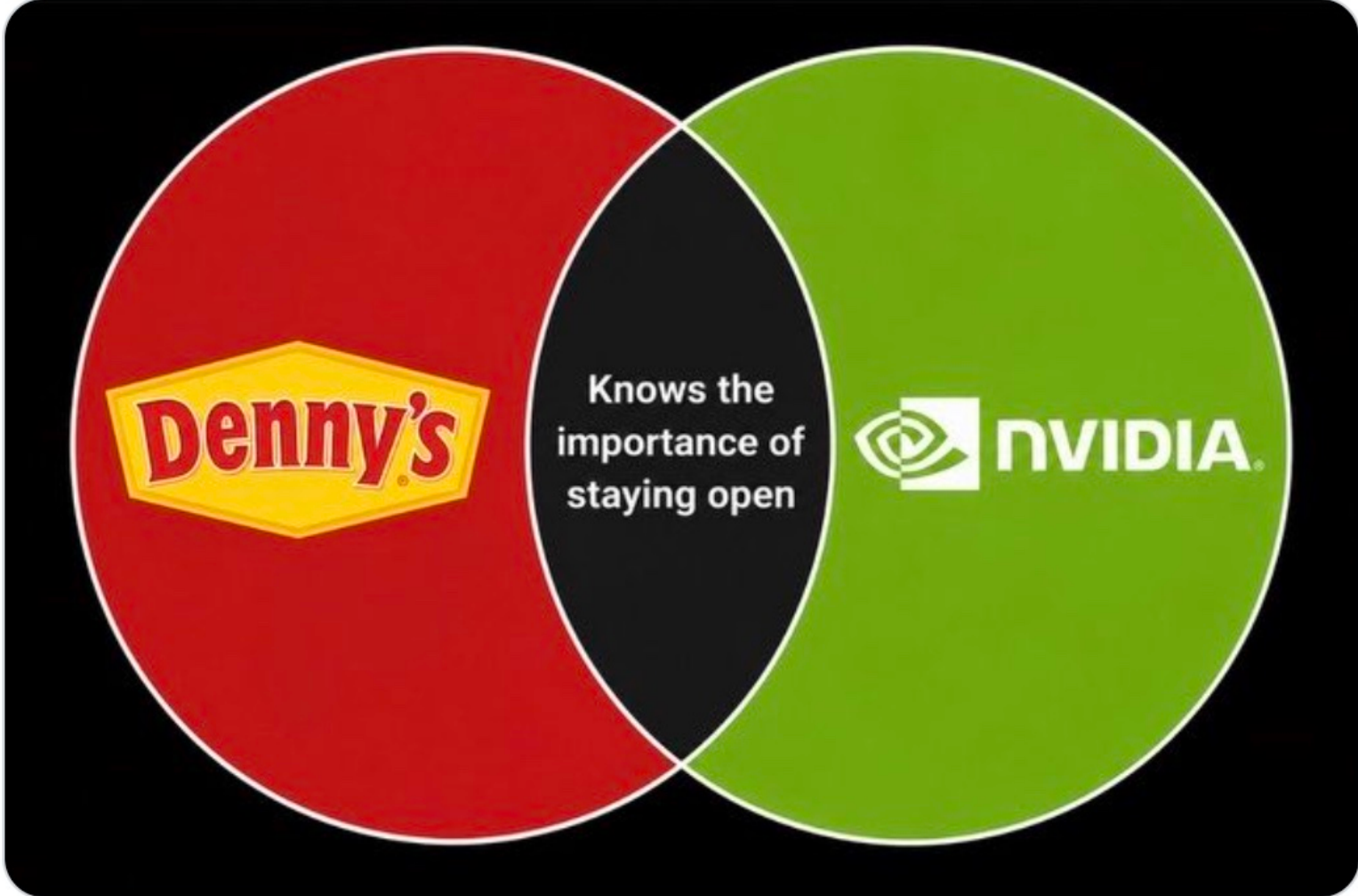
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