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Merritt Roe Smith is Cutten Professor of the History of Technology at MIT and the author or editor of six books, most recently *Inventing America: A History of the United States*. Buy *Does Technology Drive History?: The Dilemma of Technological Determinism* (The MIT Press) by Merritt Roe Smith (ISBN: 9780262691673) from Amazon's Book Store. Everyday low prices and free delivery on eligible orders. All in all the idea of technological determinism is that technology drives history. The invention of the heavy plow changed society in Europe or the invention of the printing press required society to change. In their introduction to the volume, Leo Marx and Merritt Roe Smith echo the majority view when they redefine technological determinism as referring “to the human tendency to create a society that invests technologies with enough power to drive history” (p. xiv). That is, there is at least some agency in technology.