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Here are some of the terms Barnhart has discovered not to be in current dictionaries that might be considered by the ADS assembled in Baltimore in January 2010:

black jail (*or prison*) "a secret prison." (e.q. 2005 for ~ *jail*; 2003 for ~ *prison*)

bloggerati "those who engage in blogging." (e.q. 2003)

Cadillac health plan "comprehensive and expensive health plan." (e.q. 1989; 1980-81 for *Cadillac health care*)

cap-and-trade "having to do with an economic program of incentives for ecological protection ." (e.q. 1997)

charging station "facility to recharge the battery of an electric car." (e.q. 2009?)

climategate "alleged falsification of the climate change data." (e.q. 2009)

cloud computing/the cloud "ability to connect to software and data on the Internet." (e.q. 2001?/1997?)

coffee summit "a meeting of two politicians over coffee to address differences of policy." (e.q. 2009?)

dark pool "semi-private marketplaces available only to select investors." (e.q. 2009?)

death panel "a supposed government policy mandating end of life measures." (e.q. 1996?)

DWT "driving an automobile while keyboarding." (e.q. 2007) (= *driving while texting*) (e.q. 2005)

e-marriage (e.q. 1998)

"an electronic-mail connection"

"a marriage with e-mail"

"a marriage licensed through e-mail"

flash trading "trading of stocks and bonds through ultrafast computers" (e.q. 2008?)

go[ing] rogue "become uncontrollably self-directed." (e.q. 1985)

Great Recession "the economic recession of 2008-9." (e.q. 2008)

hill to die on for "a cause to be fought for 'to the death'." (e.q. 2009)

H1N1 "a variety of swine flu." (e.q. 2005?)

mo-blogging "blogging while using a portable computer." (e.q. 2003)

optic: the optics "appearances; visual impression." (e.q. 2009)

Pashtunistan “the region of Pakistan and Afghanistan occupied by Pashtuns.” (e.q. 1955!)

Poliwood “the blending of politics and entertainment.” (e.q. 2003)

public option “a government-supported health insurance plan.” (e.q. [1988] 2009?)

reset, especially hit the reset button “to redirect a process to resume it at an earlier stage.” (e.q. [1992] 2006?)

shovel-ready “ready to begin construction, especially excavation.” (e.q.[1997] 2009)

slow media “non-electronic media, such as letters, landline telephones, etc.” (e.q. 2009)

Susan Boyle moment “a strikingly grand performance.” (e.q. 2009)

teabag “of or having to do with a protest of government policy.” (e.q. 1990)

Tea bagger:

“person who uses a tea bag to make a cup of tea” (e.q.1998)

“a device for filling tea bats” (e.q. 1998)

“one who throws a tea bag as a demonstration of protest” (e.q. 1995)

“one who bobs up and down as part of a dance” (e.q. 1997)

“a homosexual ...” (e.q. 1998)

“a politically very conservative protester of government policy” (e.q. 2002)

Tea party

“a group of politically very conservative protesters of government policy” (e.q. 2009?)

“a meeting of such a group” (e.q. 2009)

thumb novel “a novel composed on and circulated by cell phone.” (e.q. 2009)

TWD “*texting while driving.*” (e.q. 2007)

tweet “send a message by Twitter.” (e.q. 2008?)

Twitterable, -ability “suitable (*or* suitability) for sending by Twitter.” (e.q. 2008)

Twitterati

“people all exited” (e.q. 1989)

“people who use the communications system Twitter.” (e.q. 2009)

vook “electronically transmitted text and image, via the Internet or iPhone.” (e.q. 2009)

WiMax “a system for mobile access to data on the Internet.” (e.q. 2003)