VENTURE CAPITALISTS ON THE FUTURE

TEMPORARY/FLEXIBLE WORKFORCE
• "Real-time and mobile services have empowered a new segment of workforce that thrives on flexible and independent work. This has enabled those that aren’t able to (or simply don’t want to) fulfill 9-5 jobs to enter the workforce and creates a prevalence of non-traditional careers in services. In 2014 in the U.S. alone, there are 18 million independent workers. Expect that number to increase at sharp rates in 2015." - Tony Tijan, CueBall Group

WORKFORCE and AUTOMATION
• "Until a decade ago, machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) were relegated to research labs, technical publications, and big-budget science fiction films. ML and AI have “crossed the chasm” and will have a profound impact on the way businesses work. Pairing human workers with machine learning and automation will transform knowledge work and unleash new levels of human productivity and creativity. Without the advances in automation, the swelling volume of data would overwhelm knowledge workers and cripple businesses.” - Katherine Barr, MDV

ENTREPRENEURSHIP
• "The U.S. government will empower & create even more entrepreneurs. More lenient immigration policies will allow people to pursue entrepreneurship, while affordable individual health care makes traditional employment less of a draw. These policy changes will drive a massive influx of entrepreneurs in 2015 and beyond." - Tony Tijan, CueBall Group

ONLINE EDUCATION
• "Online education will graduate to higher valuations. Online is at a true inflection point and will accelerate. According to Global Industry Analyst, online education in 2015 will reach $107 billion, which will represent a doubling in just three years." - Sergio Monsalve, Norwest Venture Partners

CYBERSECURITY
• "Cybersecurity budgets will explode in 2015 as every company, institution, and government attempts to avoid being Sony’d. VCs will pour money into this sector in the same way they poured money into the rental economy.” - Fred Wilson, Union Square Ventures