Artificial Intelligence

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Artificial Intelligence is widely used in today's time.

It is used for goods and services, but it is also used for bad.

Hurting a lot of people, mostly in politics and social media.

Artificial Intelligence has numerous concerning uses and implications that warrant careful examination. Recent warnings from prominent figures in the field highlight the urgency of addressing these issues.

Major Negative Uses and Implications

1. **Bias and Discrimination**
     a. AI systems frequently perpetuate existing biases due to incomplete training data
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- Racial and gender biases have emerged in practical applications
- Limited linguistic diversity affects only 100 of the world's 7,000 natural languages
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- **Social Manipulation and Disinformation**
- AI algorithms enable sophisticated propaganda campaigns
- Deepfakes and AI-generated content blur reality and fiction
- Political manipulation through social media platforms
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- **Privacy Violations**
- Extensive surveillance capabilities through facial recognition
- Unauthorized data collection and sharing
- Limited federal protection against AI-related privacy violations

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- **Job Displacement and Economic Impact**
- Up to 30% of current U.S. work hours could be automated by 2030
- Potential loss of 300 million full-time jobs globally
- Disproportionate impact on vulnerable populations
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Critical Concerns

1. **Military Applications**
    a. Development of lethal autonomous weapons systems
    b. Risk of global AI arms race
    c. Potential for civilian casualties

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- **Financial System Risks**
- Algorithmic trading poses risks to market stability
- Potential for rapid market crashes
- Lack of human judgment in automated decisions

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- **Human Impact**
- Reduction in critical thinking skills
- Decreased human empathy in healthcare
- Negative effects on social development in children
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Expert Warnings

Geoffrey Hinton, considered the "Godfather of AI," has expressed serious concerns about AI's dangers, leading him to leave his position at Google to speak publicly about these risks

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. His warnings highlight the urgency of addressing these issues before they become more severe.

Current Reality

Rather than being theoretical concerns, many of these negative impacts are already manifesting:

- AI systems are influencing everyday decisions without transparency
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- Environmental impact through energy consumption and resource usage
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- Growing dependence on technology reducing critical thinking skills
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These concerns demonstrate that while AI holds promise for advancement, its current trajectory raises serious ethical and societal implications that require immediate attention and regulation.

When you use AI for good, it's a great thing to have.