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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE STUDY SUBMISSION

As a professional artist, I find generative AI and AI art very disturbing.

Generative AI steals the creativity and talent of hard-working artists, writers, and creators, exploiting online portfolios and people's personal data by scraping the internet and creating illegal databases. These databases like LAION need to be destroyed and applications like chat GPT and Midjourney, that use these databases must be shut down. They were created and trained without consent, credit, or compensation, and they violate copyright law.

This scraping of data is unethical and immoral and needs to be made illegal. It's no different than hacking. Companies and individuals alike are now waking up to the dangers of generative AI and are forced to take matters into their own hands by using countermeasures to block and disrupt the AI web crawlers from scraping their data. When people have to go out of their way to protect their property from certain activities, those activities must be made illegal.

Companies like Adobe and Deviant Art have committed underline criminal breach of trust as they have allowed their users' data to be scraped without their consent. They need to face legal consequences, as do those who profited from generative AI.

AI is supposed to serve humanity and make our lives better. So far all it has done is empower thieves and swindlers to use, abuse, and deceive honest people. The very people whose hard work was used to power these AI applications are at risk of losing their livelihoods. It is happening all over. On YouTube, videos and thumbnails that once used assets made by artists now use assets made by AI.

This ugly president needs to stop. It is unsustainable, no one is safe.

I am writing to propose a law to protect us from generative AI. The Humanity Protection Act. A law or laws to keep AI away from creative jobs and other jobs we as humans can do perfectly well on our own. Instead, AI should be used as a tool to do jobs humans are not so good at or need help with. Like diagnosing and curing cancer and other diseases, improving our transportation safety (see East Palestine, Ohio), securing our economy and protecting our banks from failing (see Silicon Valley Bank), and so on.

In closing, I would like to cite these two news pieces:

Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff admitted that AI companies steal data 20 minutes into his Dreamforce 2023 Keynote presentation. Link . This article gushes about how David Holz, founder of Midjourney, didn't need any venture capital to start his company. Why would he need any venture capital when he stole everything he needed? Link2 .