Ethics & Privacy in Data Mining

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A Brief Overview for Data Mining Practitioners

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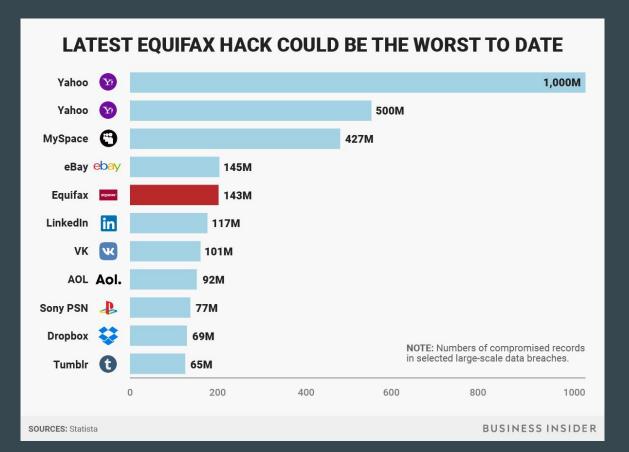
Think of a Computer Illiterate Person

- Finding a video to watch online
- Signing up for email
- Trying to find and apply for jobs
- Signing up for a new service

Unfair Models



Basic Privacy & Security



Targeted Modeling



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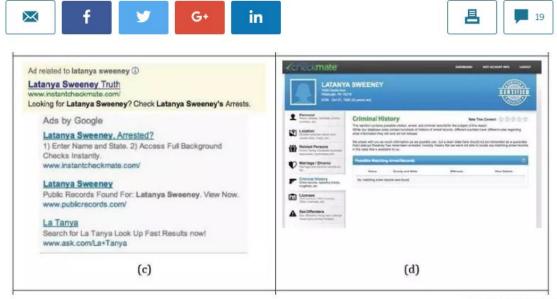
Will stop shopping online if ads keep following me on FB w/ things I didn't buy, like a desperate saleswoman yelling after me in the street

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Profiling Users

Racial bias alleged in Google's ad results

Names associated with blacks prompt link to arrest search



LATANYA SWEENEY

Web page results of ads that appeared on-screen when Harvard professor Latanya Sweeney typed her name in a google search. Ads featured services for arrest records. Sweeney conducted a study that concluded searches with "black sounding" names are more likely to get results with ads for arrests records and other negative information.

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Addictive Online Behavior



Takeaways

- Data Wrangling, Mining and Analysis are powerful tools
- With powerful tools, comes ethical decisions
- Use your powers for things you can be proud of