

Facial Recognition: Identifying the Face of Greed

- 1) Introduction
 - A. **Hook** (reader sees where lack of regulation has failed us):
 - i. Gun violence in the US
 - ii. Opioid crisis
 - iii. Growing e-cigarette controversy
 - B. What is FR, and why is it similarly unregulated?
 - i. A gift that emerged from the field of biometrics and artificial intelligence
 - C. **Thesis:** The impulsive rush to use such an advanced tool has resulted in a lack of regulation and data privacy, twisting the gift into a curse for some. We stand on thin ice, but if we take calculated steps, there are ways to correct and foster both innovation and public safety.
- 2) Body 1
 - A. Where is FR being used today?
 - B. What can we gain from facial recognition that wasn't possible before its inception?
- 3) Body 2
 - A. How is it being abused today (via government/corporate entities)? [0,1,2,3]
 - B. What is the potential for further misuse; what could the long-term effects look like? [4,5]
- 4) Body 3
 - A. What legal protection exists for current misuse (or lack against)?
 - B. What legal action or procedure can I suggest to contain this problem? [6]
 - C. What do we not want to lose in the process, and how do we make sure of that (ex. GDPR)? [7]
 - D. What can be done for countries that have already adopted facial recognition too early? [8]
- 5) Conclusion
 - A. Restate thesis + scare + misuse potential, but "X steps" can reduce the authoritarian abuse potential.

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