Title: Should Technology Companies Assume Social Responsibility

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Issue chosen

The issue I chose is about whether technology companies assume social responsibility. I think technology companies can make a significant impact on the society today. Whether is from the recent layoff or the technology boom a few years ago. Lots of people have started questioning about the responsibility of those tech companies. Whether a technology company should do mass layoff even when the company performs well. And should technology companies give back to society is a big debate today. And whether technology companies should be held responsible for the hate speech or false information spread on their platform.

interest reason

I really enjoy products such as Amazon and Uber. These products really improve the quality of my life. As current a college student who majoring in computer science and is interested in getting into the tech industry, I have found this issue becoming more interesting when mass lay off happening over the course of last year. I feel insecure about my career. The technology company's action is impacting my life and a lot of other people who are in the technology field. I became interested in the ethical implications of technology companies mass laying off people even performing well financially and whether those companies should think about their social responsibility before taking such action.

Undecided Reason

I am undecided about this issue because I saw both the good and harm those technology companies created. From a technology company investors' perspective, they want the maximum profit and lower cost by any means, lay off seems reasonable for them. However, from the employees' perspective, they work hard for those companies and the company performs well financially because of them, they shouldn't lay off them. In my opinion, both sides seem reasonable to me.

Research Source

The first resource I use to research this issue is called "Corporate Fundamental Responsibility: What Do Technology Companies Owe The World?". I will use this article to research the responsibility of technology companies on privacy protection and fake new regulations. Since most of the apps are required to store user private information, they should securely protect their data. A lot of platforms allow hate speech and false information to spread in a very fast way, those platforms need a way to filter out those harmful information. The second resource I use to research this issue is called "Corporate Responsibility In The Digital Era" I will use this article to research the responsibility of technology companies on deployment and invention of products. This article also talks about why technology companies should consider some ethical practices before they start developing the product. The third resource I use to research this issue is called "Artificial Intelligence And Corporate Social Responsibility". I will use this article to research the responsibility of technology companies in developing ethical AI. This article also talks about the ethical way to use AI in replace of human labor. The fourth resource I use to research this issue is called "Business and the Ethical Implications of Technology: Introduction to the Symposium". I will use this article to research the responsibility of technology companies to ensure the fair distribution of work among their employee and prevent exploitation.

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