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Ranked citizens and social credit system in China

China has already started a system where flimsy citizens are punished.

To promote good habits, China is currently installing a system : when you are 18, you get a score and depending on your behaviour and your habits, you will increase or decrease your points and so become a great or bad citizen.
In order to make it work, many punishments have been installed, for instance if your score is too low you can be forbidden to travel by plane, get your child banned from the best schools or even being publicly named as a bad citizen and having your portrait displayed in cinemas.

This system, even if it started with good intentions enabling to have great citizens , is totally borderline because it consists of immoral methods and it impacts directly your private life. As a bad citizen you won't have access to many public services, even companies are encouraged to check the bad-citizen list and good-citizen list in their hiring process.
But that's not the worst because private problems, such as an heritage, is considered as a bad behaviour and lower your score.

Ths system show how developed China is, or at least its technology, because to know what mark every citizen has, chinese engineers developed algorithms to recognize their faces and store data from millions of persons, so It's basically a high level of artificial intelligence.
Finally It exposes how artificial intelligence can be used in a unethical way by government to control people.

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