

Meta ethics → what is ethics?

→ Are moral statements similar to descriptive statements?

Some people think yes & some say No

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Cognitivism

(Moral statements are truth-apt)

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Non-Cognitivism

(Moral statements are not True/False)

Cognitivism

Some people think all moral statements are false and values do not actually exist: Error Theory

Moral Realism → Some moral statements are true, morals exist.

Moral Subjectivist → There cannot be objective, they may be true in some context.

Non Cognitivism

Morality is emotion → Emotivism

Moral statements is expression of will → Prescriptivism

Morality is not description of reality but we people pretend so → Quasi Realism

* is - ought gap
↑ must be

At one point we put desire over description

* International bodies started self policing and started to think about AI ethics.

* Companies got ethics boards to future proof their work

Ethics are hard to apply →

(i) No one agrees on ethics.

(ii) cannot be built without being made actionable

Project Maven: Idea by Pentagon → We want to know everything about everyone on Earth at any time. Pentagon gave to Google.

Google engineers refused to work on this, they went on strike, Google had to return the project.

How ethics gets decided is a very non-transparent. Most standards body are formed by invitation

Issues with Tech Ethics

Individualist solutions → solving problems separately, ignores the actual structural issues

Corporate Logics → Most studies paid for by companies

contradictions & vagueness

Determinism → Technology controls society, this belief stops people from making changes.

Ethics washing → Malicious use of ethical language to mislead people.

What is a mind?

AI doesn't know that it is intelligent, it just flips the symbols. We project our own intelligence on AI.

Our mind know that "I" exists. machines do not know that. A neural network cannot become hard AI.

Dualism = Mind is separate from matter (body)

Monism = Mind comes from matter

Idealist = Mind can think only about ideas.

Materialist = Believing that materials can be perceived and measured.

Do others know that they exist?

Behaviorism → Mind can be figured out using the behavior.

Qualia → Subjective experience eg do everyone perceive colors in a similar way.

McNamara Fallacy → Anything that cannot be measured, is not knowledge, Anything that cannot be measured should be ignored.

* Qualitative Knowledge

Epistemic Contestation → What information is knowledge.

Political Economic Contestation → How does AI effect economy & Politics.