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**“AI will replace humans altogether”**

Recent advances in the domain of Artificial Intelligence (AI) have resulted in some interesting use cases, with applications such as DALL-E-2 and ChatGPT impressing both industry professionals and casual observers. The accuracy and breadth of the abilities of such applications has brought back an age-old question, ‘Will humans eventually be replaced by AI?’. This concern, however, is unfounded. AI is just another piece of technology, and technology never has and never will, in and of itself, present any danger to humans. This essay explores the various sources of concern regarding AI and presents arguments to address these concerns.

The main concern regarding AI is job security. Automation has historically resulted in a huge number of jobs being lost, so the fear of being replaced expressed by artists, writers and even programmers is understandable. However, studying that history thoroughly will reveal that the actual result of automation was a shift in the type of work being demanded. For example, horse-drawn carriages were replaced with automobiles, and the drivers of those carriages were replaced by the entire automobile industry. It is unclear how the use of AI in various industries will change the world, but regardless, humans will adjust.

This assurance is, understandably, unlikely to bring peace to the mind of the individuals who fear their jobs will be taken away by AI. This, however, brings up the question of why human beings have created a society in which they are allowed to starve to death simply because they do not have enough money. Why is it that we are expected to work 40 hours a week and then get paid peanuts in comparison to the people we work for just so we have enough money to buy food at the end the end of the week? The animosity towards AI that is displayed by individuals living paycheque-to-paycheque is misdirected. The problems in the world have always been caused by capitalistic greed, and a dystopian future, where humans really are starving on the streets because AI can now do their jobs, will also be the result of capitalistic greed.

Another interpretation of the original question could be in terms of AI itself trying to destroy humans. This is an equally naïve fear and for the same reasons. The ability to make the decision to destroy humans would be proof that AI has free will. However, humans are yet to even properly identify what free will is, let alone create AI that possess it. Contrary to what science fiction will have us believe, AI does not simply evolve into a state where they have free will by mistake. Every single advancement to AI was the result of the hard work and conscious decisions of human beings. If AI does one day try to destroy humans, it will be because there is a human being controlling the AI and making it do so.

In the opinion of this author, the question of whether AI will replace humans is fundamentally absurd for the reasons outlined above. This fear has been developed with a combination of media dramatization and a misdirected anger rooted in the issues that are actually caused by capitalism. AI will continue to change the world, regardless of how we react to it, and blaming it for our problems will not resolve them.