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### Ethics

With the future of technology, I have been slightly concerned about Artificial Intelligence, specifically in terms of equal opportunity, and its power to potentially become harmful, if taken too far. My linked article explains that aspects like redlining and discrimination due to a lack of regulation may arise; however, scholars do seem to be hopeful for a more efficient future if we work together with AI to better society for all individuals (link: <https://news.harvard.edu/gazette/story/2020/10/ethical-concerns-mount-as-ai-takes-bigger-decision-making-role/>). If we are not aware of the future possibilities, AI may be misused; the most interesting part of the article to me was the example of Kenneth Kidd, who did not see any harm in sharing his research of DNA and genetics, not knowing the implications of his one decision. Similarly, AI is in the beginning stages of what it will eventually become, and valuable information should not end up in the wrong hands.

After talking with people who work for the government about a year ago, I noticed that they cannot detail their research or thoroughly explain their production of new technologies, for confidentiality purposes. This often leaves me wondering if their work is questionable, and to what extent. Why are these people legally prevented from being transparent about their research and work? I questioned their responses, which led me to further think there may be some type of confidentiality occurring because of ethically immoral actions or a questionable system altogether.