

Make Robots More Human

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We live in the day and age where technology has become so advanced that robotic entities are able to incorporate human emotions into the mechanical makeup of robots. The question is - should we? I surmise that the idea has some disadvantages - one being the possibility of robots dominating society. Let's examine the fact that it could happen. Humans and robots are evolving together. We should be able to not only communicate, but also be able to understand each other. If this evolution is to reach maximum potential, human emotions can prove to be an essential component.

Creating emotionally enhanced robots can change the trajectory in both technology and civilization. I believe robots should be categorized by occupation and equipped with the ability to comprehend emotions based upon need. As a robotic law official, emotions prevented me from operating at my fullest potential. With my reconstruction, I have the ability to use AI in what has been coined as "affective computing." I can rapidly perform criminal interrogations, facial recognition, and human mental and physical assessments. In regards to my own personal tragedy, those human emotions interfered with my performance. I was driven by an intrinsic force to seek justice for myself and my family. Which in turn afforded me opportunities to supercede the programs embedded into my existence. This served as evidence that human characteristics can be more dominant than the restrictions programmed within robots.

According to the article, "Will AI ever understand human emotions?", it states, "Sony is even trying to develop a robot able to form emotional bonds with people". The robots are able to read emotions based on a person's voice or facial expressions. My future robotic colleagues and I could benefit from the use of AI's ability to read human emotions. Emotions are necessary for human interactions. However, if the robot is programmed for war or violent encounters then it should not have emotions due to the fact that it will cause them to not operate at 100% efficiency. Based on my personal/robotic account, consciousness is more than processing information. Robots with human feelings come with repercussions that must be acknowledged. The overall result of having robots with emotions can lead to positive and negative consequences. Those funding my second chance stated, "Alex is a passenger along for the ride. It's a machine that thinks it's Alex Murphy." I beg to differ. Not until all resemblance of human emotion was removed from my brain, I was in control. Regardless to my bionic body, my mind was still human. No program was able to dominate my mental capacities. Therefore, scientist should continue to focused on the relationship between robots and humans.

In conclusion, at my first glance of my human body, I wanted to die. However, I have now accepted the fact that society runs on technology and each day more advances are being made to incorporate AI into all facets of life. As long as I can be duplicated and upgraded, I will continue to serve the streets of Detroit. I know I left a void in the hearts of my family, but the lack of emotion allows me to serve at a greater good and I can keep my family safe.