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When it comes to modern day computers, they severely lack in response and understanding of human emotions. As shown in *Robocop*, robots having a lack of emotion leads to lack of hesitation. With robots and computers having little to no idea of human emotion, it can lead to robots being comprisable during their objective. Therefore, their purpose should determine its access to human emotion, but human emotion is hard to emulate.

When it comes to the case of Alex Murphy, or Robocop, he was already a living human with emotions and consciousness, so there was no need to emulate human emotion. In the movie *Robocop* (2014), Doctor Dennett Norton makes the decision to lower Murphy’s dopamine levels to below 5%. This has an obvious impact on him immediately, making him like a zombie, he has no emotions, and is essentially all machine. With the purpose of what Murphy is as a cop, he should have the emotional capacity to make logical decisions other than killing someone on the spot. The same can be said for the robots that were fighting on foreign soil. In the beginning of the movie, it displays a multitude of Omnicorp machines that were there to pacify the population of that area. One young man makes the risky move of going out to attack the robots after a fatal attack occurred when some members of the local populous decided to initiate a strike against the foreign forces. He was later mowed down insensibly by Omnicorp’s machines. The role that they have they should be capable of making the logical decision of sparing the young man and detaining him instead of murdering him.

Some machines, however should not be able to have access to that of human emotion. These may include routine machines, as stated earlier, that cap toothpaste, or those who have previously had access to that kind of emotion, but had malicious intents that can put human lives at risk, and blatantly ignore the rules of robotics. For instance, once again at the beginning of *Robocop* the machines had access to that of human emotion, and still blatantly murdered the young man that came out to defend his people, would be put out of commission and scrapped for repairs on other robots.

Another dilemma that there may be with the subject of robotics and human emotions is that the robots will only know what its programmer tells it. It may know some things of right from wrong and what a person may feel, when it is really reading the complete opposite from what it really is. It only knows what the programmer tells it, it does not learn from everything and it will always go by that.

With these things pointed out, I believe that AI with the capability to express human emotion may be a good thing on some cases, but in some machines it may be dangerous or just plain pointless. Some machines may try to harm people and some may be the best companions that people have had in their life.