

Reading Response Mar/02

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Starting with the take on WuZhang's response in the paper. I feel the response's overall tone was more defensive than explanatory. At one point I noticed WuZhang invoking the academic community to trust their finding by saying that they are PHD candidates and thus they know that "Garbage in is Garbage out". In response they said that "they are preventing the garbage of human biases from creeping in". I feel that the statement is very restrictive and less open minded, as they are forgetting that their claims in the response are done by the human themselves. If they feel that they are preventing human biases in the results of the criminality CNN, then I feel that those biases are well reflected in the response paper too as they are humans too.

I also do not agree with their response to the "feedback loop statement" as they just used the English language to their rescue in the statements without any scientific results to support their response. Further up, I feel when they insinuate that the experiment was done on one racial group and on the other hand called their use of facial features a parameter to define whether a person is criminal or not, then it has more chances of failing in other racial group.

I feel that entire concept of using just the facial features to the rescue of identifying criminals is a bit of an oversimplification as when a human being judges a person in the 10th of a second they are also looking for some micro clues from the surrounding they are in and the conditions they live in. There is almost always some context behind that. That is why we on dating sites provide some details of our likes and hobbies – to give a little background and to add some context to the prospective date. Having said that, I feel that just like WuZhang feel that to use the term physiognomy instead of "**Mian Xiang Xue**" oversimplifies its true meaning just like that I feel that they have oversimplified and failed to incorporate the criticism behind the use of CNN for the criminology. To naïve and nonscientific population who trusts science blindly, we are basically corroborating an over simplistic and biased concept and packaging it into NN – something they would fail to see as "Scientific racism".