

Digital Future

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We live in an era where data-driven technology is everywhere, from our phones to the stores where we shop. It's like we're in a science fiction movie, but not always in the exciting way we'd like.

Although these new technologies can make our lives easier, they also bring with them a number of ethical issues that, honestly, I believe concern us all quite a bit. I think it's crucial that we take these issues seriously and understand what we can do about them.

First and foremost, there's the issue of privacy. Imagine that every time you step out of your house, someone follows you, noting everything you do. Well, something like that is happening with our data. Every time we use the internet or apps, our actions are tracked, stored, and analyzed. This information can be used in ways we can't even imagine, and unfortunately, not always to our benefit. This is not only disturbing but also raises the question of who really has control over our personal information.

Then there's the matter of fairness. Algorithms decide everything from the news we see on our devices to who gets a loan. But these algorithms can be biased because, after all, they are created and defined by humans. This means that inequalities or discriminations can be perpetuated.

And let's not forget about transparency. Most of the time, we have no idea how these systems make decisions that affect us. It's like if a teacher decided your final grade with a secret method and wouldn't let you know how to improve or even understand your grade.

What can we do to ensure that these technologies are used ethically?

- More transparency: Companies and organizations that use these systems should be clear about how they work and how they use our information. If a system makes a decision about us, we should be able to understand what levers are pulled and how it came to that conclusion.
- Control over our data: We should have more control over our personal information, including the option to know who has access to it at any given time and the ability to delete it if we wish.
- Re-evaluate algorithms: Algorithms should be constantly reviewed and adjusted to ensure they are not biased or unfair.
- More education on technology and ethics: People need to better understand these issues and how they affect their daily lives.

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