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Subject: AI Ethics Framework

Hi all,

As we advance our AI strategy, I think it's crucial we develop a clear ethical framework to guide both public and private sector usage. This will be essential for maintaining public trust.

I suggest we put together a set of core principles around transparency, accountability, bias mitigation, privacy etc. We should also propose specific oversight mechanisms and compliance requirements.

Keen to get your thoughts ahead of discussing with ministers next week. What do you see as the priorities?

Best,
Tom

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Hi Tom,

Fully agree on the need for ethical guidelines. My view is we need to strike a balance between encouraging innovation and protecting rights. Areas I'd highlight:

- Transparency of AI systems, how they operate and impact decisions.
- Mechanisms for human oversight and control.
- Rules to prevent encoded bias and discrimination.
- Strict data protection standards.

I think independent auditing will be needed to provide assurance. But open to other perspectives on oversight.

Joel

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Hi both,

In addition to what Joel outlined, I would suggest:

- Requiring fairness assessments before AI deployment, especially in public sector.
- Giving citizens clear rights to contest AI-informed decisions.
- Mandating evaluations of societal impact - not just technical performance.

This will help embed ethical thinking from the outset. Let me know your thoughts.

Best,
Roseline