

DEL Seminar 3 - The Right To Read

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Group Discussion:

1 - Is ClearView really helping the government ?

We are not sure about the company's true intentions. Is the company really helping the government or their main purpose is to make money and use the government's name to play safe. If they really are helping then:

- Why is the product not free?
- Why is the engine still in private organization hands?
- Why does the company is serving private entities and individuals

2 - We agreed that it is unethical to keep backups of photos that have been made private by the original publisher of the photo. Like other large companies that keep data of people the data that has been removed should be removed and not kept in Clearview databases.

3- The different legality issue of protecting public data between Europe and America
The GDPR helped in criminalizing data scraping against misuse of public data ,otherwise the american CFAA couldn't help with the same issue and stopped data scraping.

4 - The user is responsible for protecting his own data by making it private also the different company must protect the user data from getting scraped like what linked in made.

5 - There is lots of potential to commit criminal acts like stalking with Clearview's product. However, this does not mean that it is inherently a bad product. We agreed it can be used for a lot of good purposes but that it needs to be supervised by a good faith actor to make sure it is not being used for illegal matters.

6- They must provide the names of the private organizations who are using the engine. We really don't know what kind of organizations are using our data and for what purposes. Someone might be using it for spying purposes.

7- ClearView is not something new, a lot of such other products are available who are using AI for facial recognition. The US government needs to make their own product and should ban this private product which is using data from different social media sites without the platform owner permission.

8 - If ClearView was only used for law enforcement and governmental aid, meaning it will not ever be used for other private organizations the question of increased surveillance is an issue. Even if we decrease crime rates with the product does the “panopticon” effect decrease citizens' happiness?