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Recent news

So Joe Redmon (aka pjreddie, author of the very well known YOLO and Darknet computer vision architectures) recently announced he's stopped doing all computer vision research because of ethical concerns:

<https://twitter.com/pjreddie/status/1230524770350817280>

Cambridge Analytica - A Salesgirls Report

"We know today that Cambridge Analytica was made possible by Facebook's negligent privacy policy."

"The aim of Cambridge Analytica has always been to serve those that pay. Cambridge Analytica follows the Golden Rule – those with the gold makes the rules."
<https://www.counterpunch.org/2020/02/14/cambridge-analytica-a-salesgirls-report/>

Brittany Kaiser thinks Cambridge Analytica data is still being used

<https://www.siliconrepublic.com/enterprise/cambridge-analytica-brittany-kaiser-manipulating-voters>

Twitter Will Ban All Political Ads, C.E.O. Jack Dorsey Says

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/10/30/technology/twitter-political-ads-ban.html>

Calls for new laws

We Need a Law to Save Us From Dystopia

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/21/opinion/facial-recognition-privacy-law.html>

Now is the time for a US data protection agency

<https://thehill.com/blogs/congress-blog/politics/483997-now-is-the-time-for-a-us-data-protection-agency>

Fresh Cambridge Analytica leak ‘shows global manipulation is out of control’

"An explosive leak of tens of thousands of documents from the defunct data firm Cambridge Analytica is set to expose the inner workings of the company that collapsed after the Observer revealed it had misappropriated 87 million Facebook profiles."

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2020/jan/04/cambridge-analytica-data-leak-global-election-manipulation>

Impact on 2020 election?

Trump campaign hires alum of controversial data company

"Matt Oczkowski, who served as head of product at Cambridge before it went bankrupt and shut down in 2018, is helping oversee the Trump campaign's data program, according to two people familiar with the hire. Cambridge gained notoriety for its work on psychological voter profiling and because it allegedly improperly obtained the personal information of tens of millions of Facebook users."

"Oczkowski [...] has strenuously denied that psychographics played a role in Trump's 2016 campaign."

<https://www.politico.com/news/2020/02/19/trump-cambridge-analytica-oczkowski-114075>

The Cambridge Analytica whistleblower on how American voters are “primed to be exploited”

"If a relatively small company in London, within a couple of years, can build up a sophisticated capacity to target and deliberately manipulate a subset of American voters, enough to push certain candidates over the line. Even if Cambridge Analytica has dissolved, the same people are working on the Trump campaign. And there is no way to confirm that the data sets that they amassed are actually gone."

If a company like Cambridge Analytica can do it, what happens when China becomes the next Cambridge Analytica? What happens when North Korea or Iran becomes the next Cambridge Analytica? Cambridge Analytica was first. But these are countries that have more than enough capacity to replicate the work that Cambridge Analytica was doing. And probably go further. This is why I was so upset with Facebook: It's about the fact that we have unsafe platforms that are causing a huge risk to the integrity of democracy in the United States and around the Western world.

Look at Mark Zuckerberg's speech, where he said, essentially, "Well, disinformation – you're just going to have to deal with that." Why is it that he, unilaterally, gets to decide how much or how little disinformation is part of our electoral process?

The most egregious thing is what Cambridge Analytica has exposed: That we have relegated the security and integrity of our democracy to a private company that doesn't really want to do anything about it."

-Christopher Wylie <https://www.vox.com/the-highlight/2019/10/28/20932790/chris-wylie-cambridge-analytica-facebook-trump-2020>

Further watching

CHM Live | The Great Hack <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y26NQdTLtaw>

The Cleaners <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iGCGhD8i-o4>