**Notes on Tim’s paper on Algorithmic Repression models**

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**CG Meeting**

Literature on racial algorithms in the US

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Safiya Nobel- algorithms of oppression

Algorithmic repression

‘training data’ but what is it training on? Biases not objective fact. You need a literature on the biased understanding of the state, and the ‘training’ it is providing or assuming

What is a random forest model?

Citizen internet use is the best tool of the repressive state in your findings but would that have picked up the Indian farmers protests?

Organizationally maybe explain the scenarios a bit in the beginning because they didn’t make sense as a set until much later (military recruitment seemed opposite of internet shutdown for instance)

In a society with high grievance level (ie many citizens have grievances) AR has low value – this seems obvious

Do you feel there is some danger in providing tests of some of the surveillance data and tools that the CCP and other repressive gov’ts are using? Ethics of these tests?

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Also transferability of variables- how do protest, opposition parties, etc transfer between regions, even within regions histories of opposition parties and protests vary among say Egypt & Saudi and Jordan, so how does that work if we generalize from Egypt to Xinjiang?

Concluding paragraph: say what you said, more research, ethics and problemmatics