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Summary

      In the AP News article, "UK PM Sunak warns against rush to regulate AI before understanding its risks" written by KELVIN CHAN, reports on how the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom Rishi Sunak states that the government is moving too fast on regulating the rapidly developing AI technologies before it's fully understood. Sunak stated that if we act too quickly AI could make it easier to build chemical or biological weapons for terrorist groups to spread fear or to carry out cyberattacks or fraud. AI has the potential to transform life but it shouldn't be a global priority to mitigate the risk of human extinction. Sunak stated that Governments are the only ones able to keep people safe from AI's risks and that it shouldn't be up to tech companies developing it to keep people safe because AI developers don't always fully understand what their models could become capable of.

      According to Sunak, only the government can properly assess the risks to national security and only the nation has the power to keep their people safe. However, the UK has decided to not rush to regulate AI because it doesn't make sense to write laws that make sense for something that isn't fully understood yet. Authorities are rushing to rein in artificial intelligence amid the recent rise of general purpose AI systems like ChatGPT that have generated excitement and fear. Sunak's U.K. AI Safety Summit is focusing on the risks from the frontier artificial intelligence cutting edge systems that can carry out a wide range of tasks but could contain unknown risks to public safety and security. These AI systems are underpinned by large language models, which are trained on vast pools of text and data. One of the summit's goals is to push for the first ever international statement about the nature of AI risks. Sunak also announced plans to set up an AI Safety Institute to examine, evaluate and test new types of AI. Sunask proposed establishing a global expert panel that is inspired by the United Nations'

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, to understand technology and draw up a State of AI Science report.

Personal Opinion

Overall, I strongly agree with what the UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is stating about being cautious against AI regulation because the government should thoroughly comprehend the risk associated with rapidly advancing AI technologies. Prematurely regulating AI could lead to dangerous tools like chemical or biological weapons for terrorist groups. Instead the government should evaluate the risks of AI and protect their citizens. I believe Sunak's UK AI Safety Summit is helpful because it addresses risks posed by cutting-edge AI systems that can perform diverse tasks but can also address unforeseen risks to the public.

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