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The Global Approach to AI Governance

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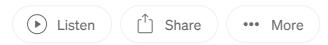
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In an increasingly AI-driven world, the need for effective regulation has become a pressing concern. A recent survey by the University of Queensland in Australia

revealed that nearly two-thirds of people believe AI should be subject to controls. While the benefits of AI are widely recognized, awareness of potential risks, such as deepfakes, has grown. In response, advanced nations are working on regulations and laws to address these challenges.

At a recent event in Paris organized by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Japanese Prime Minister Kishida announced an AI regulation framework. This framework addresses the challenges posed by generative AI (Gen-AI), its global impact, and issues related to its regulation and control. Let's delve deeper into this topic.

Gen-AI, a subset of AI, focuses on creating new content such as images, sounds, and language. ChatGPT is a popular example, capable of generating various linguistic outputs based on prompts. While Gen-AI has become incredibly popular due to its versatility, it has also raised concerns about distinguishing between human-created and AI-generated content.

The potential misuse of Gen-AI for deepfakes, voice manipulation, and spreading misinformation has sparked discussions among the public, companies, and governments about how to curb these risks.

Japan's "Hiroshima AI Process," announced last year, called for a code of conduct and guidelines for companies developing AI systems and models. This framework was adopted by 49 countries. Prime Minister Kishida's recent announcement builds upon this, introducing an international framework for AI regulation.

Key points in AI regulation

- **Ownership:** Companies creating AI systems must take full responsibility for the outputs, including ethical and accuracy checks.

- **Transparency:** Open-source models are gaining favor as they allow for public scrutiny and suggestions for improvement.

- **Data:** The source and nature of training data are crucial considerations, as "data determines the model."

- **Implementation:** Developing certification processes, auditing tools, and training AI-proficient workforce are essential steps.

The challenge lies in balancing regulation with innovation. Excessive control could hinder research and development, while insufficient oversight poses risks to society.

In conclusion, while AI regulation is necessary, the regulatory framework should be flexible, adaptable to technological advancements, and open to improvements. Global cooperation and expert consultation across various fields will be crucial in developing an effective regulatory approach that fosters innovation while protecting societal interests.

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