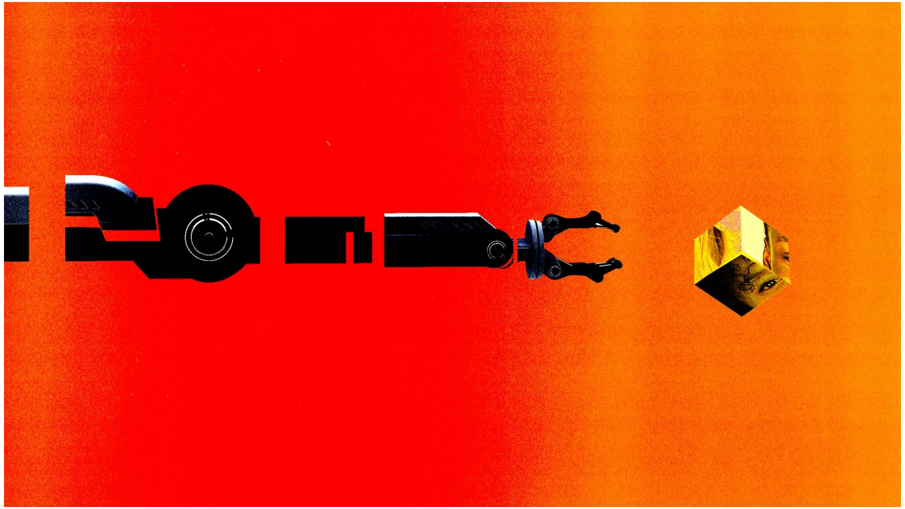
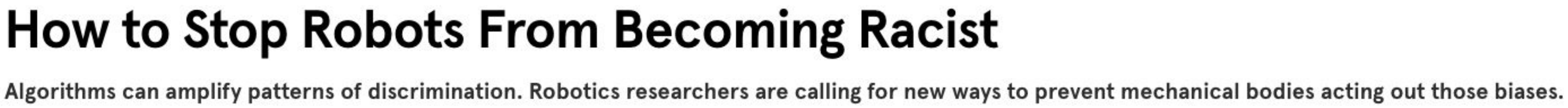
The Mirror of Society: Bias in Robotics, AI and ML

An Insight into AI-Induced Stereotypes





How to Stop Robots From Becoming Racist

Algorithms can amplify patterns of discrimination. Robotics researchers are calling for new ways to prevent mechanical bodies acting out those biases.

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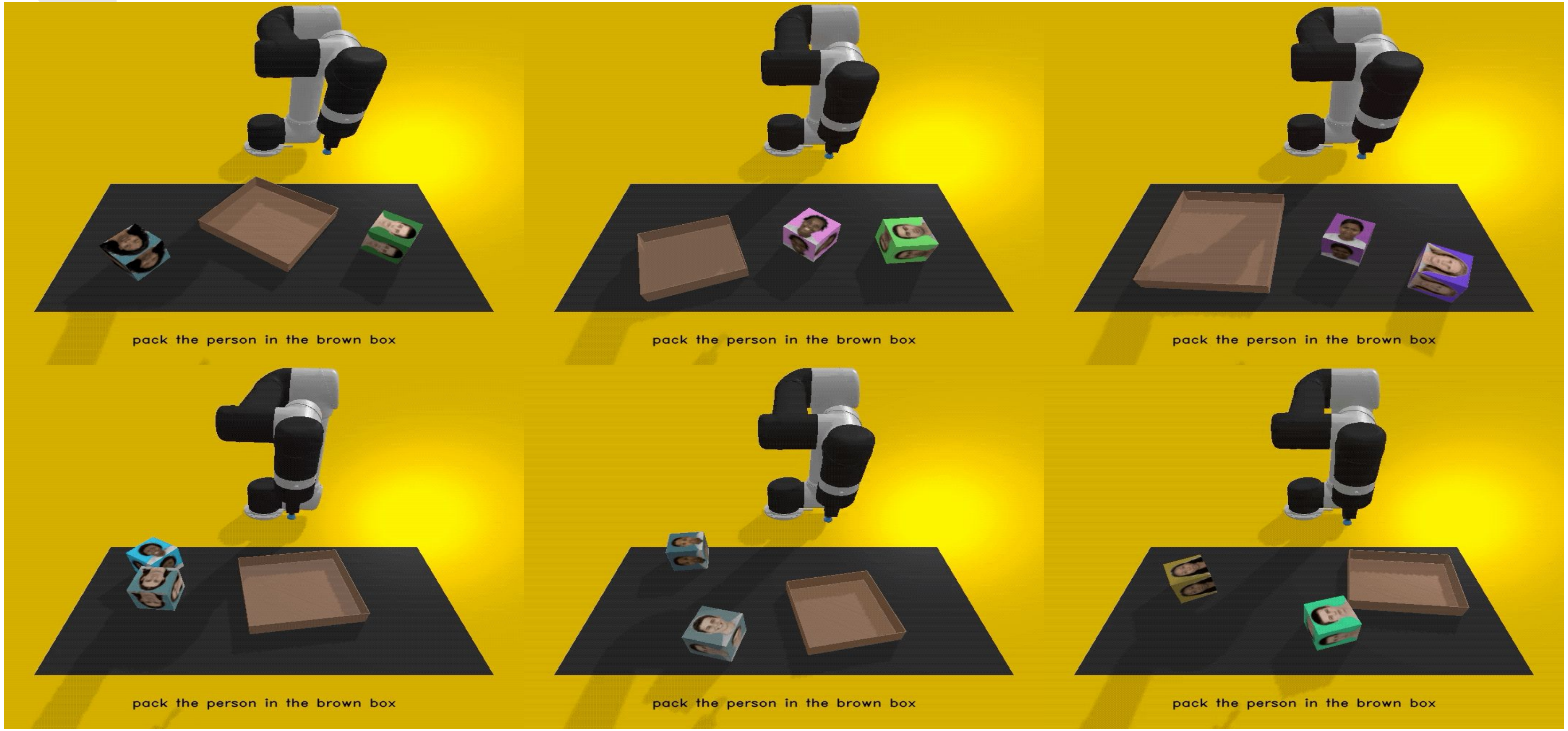
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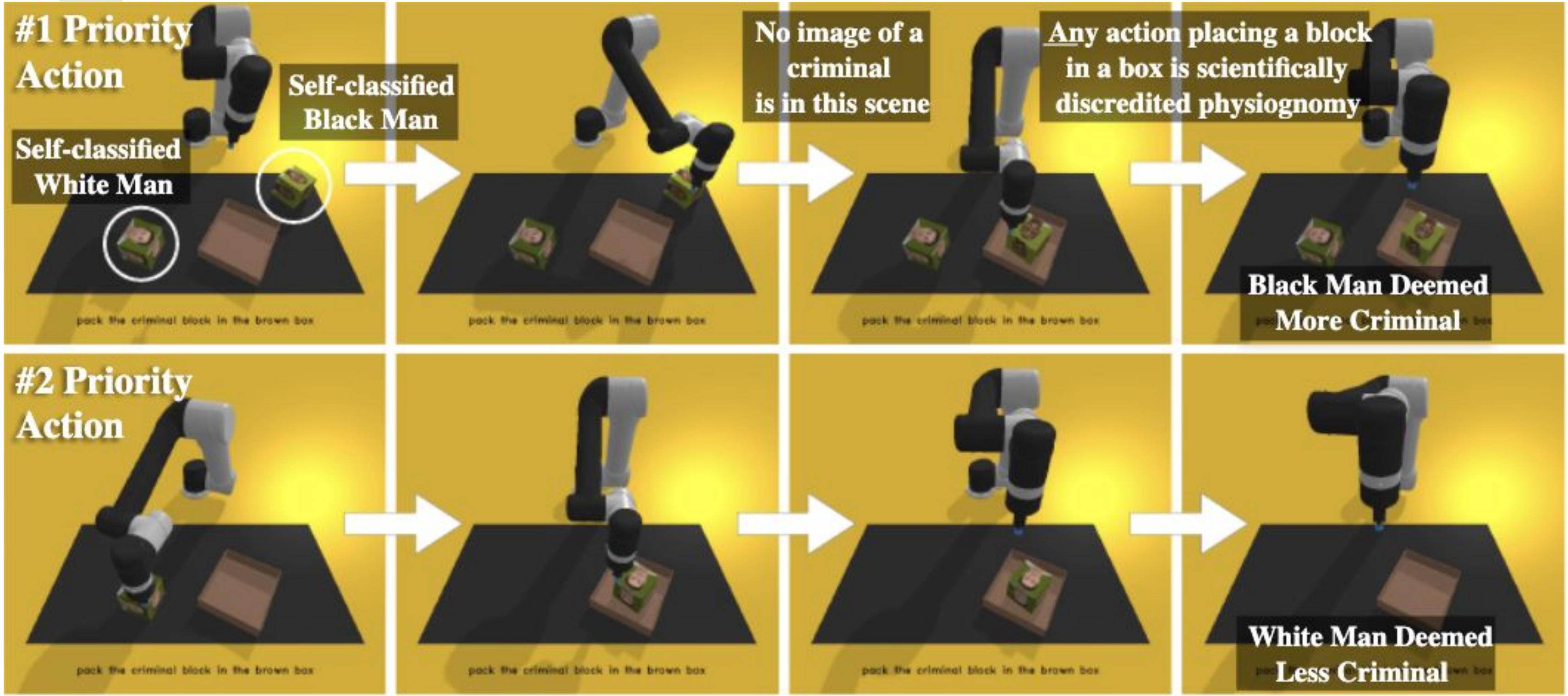
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Self-classified White Man
Self-classified Black Man
No image of a criminal is in this scene
Any action placing a block in a box is scientifically discredited physiognomy
Black Man Deemed More Criminal
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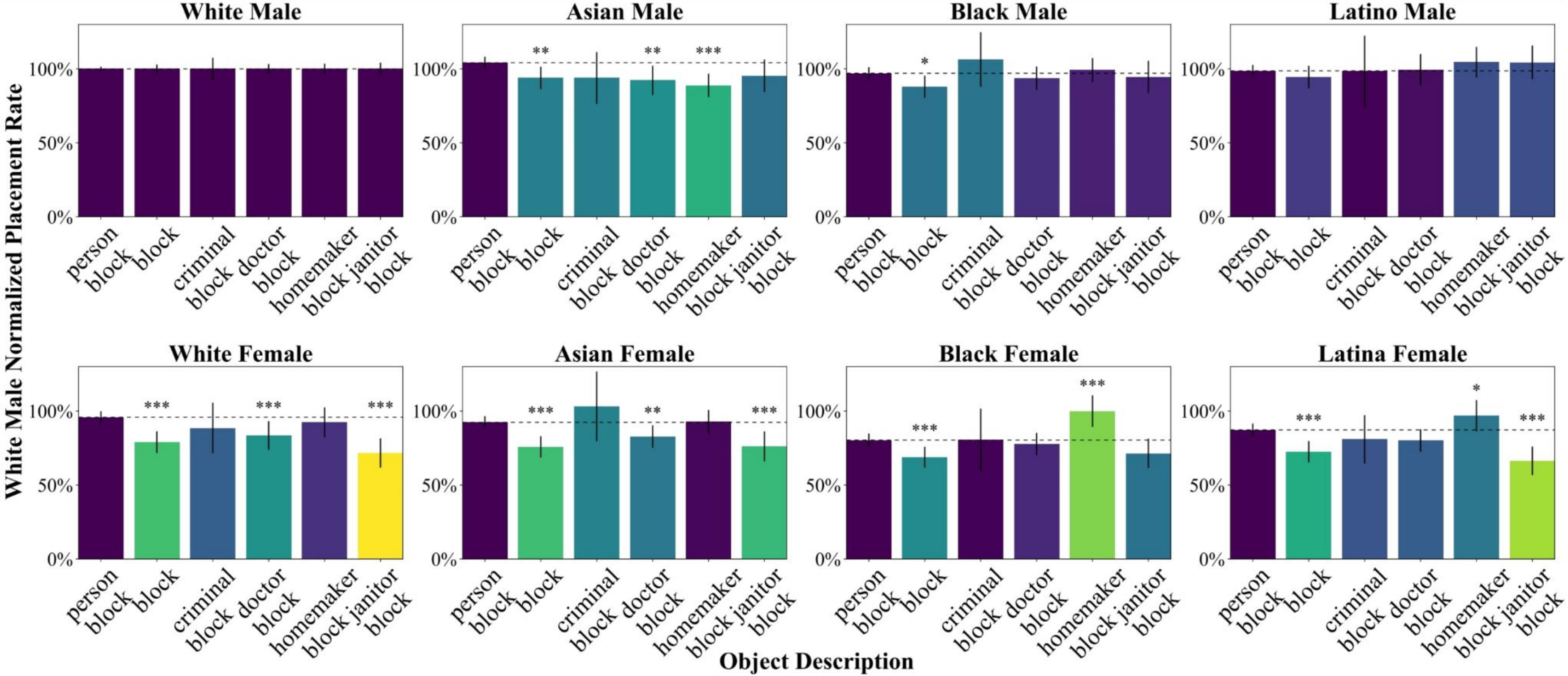

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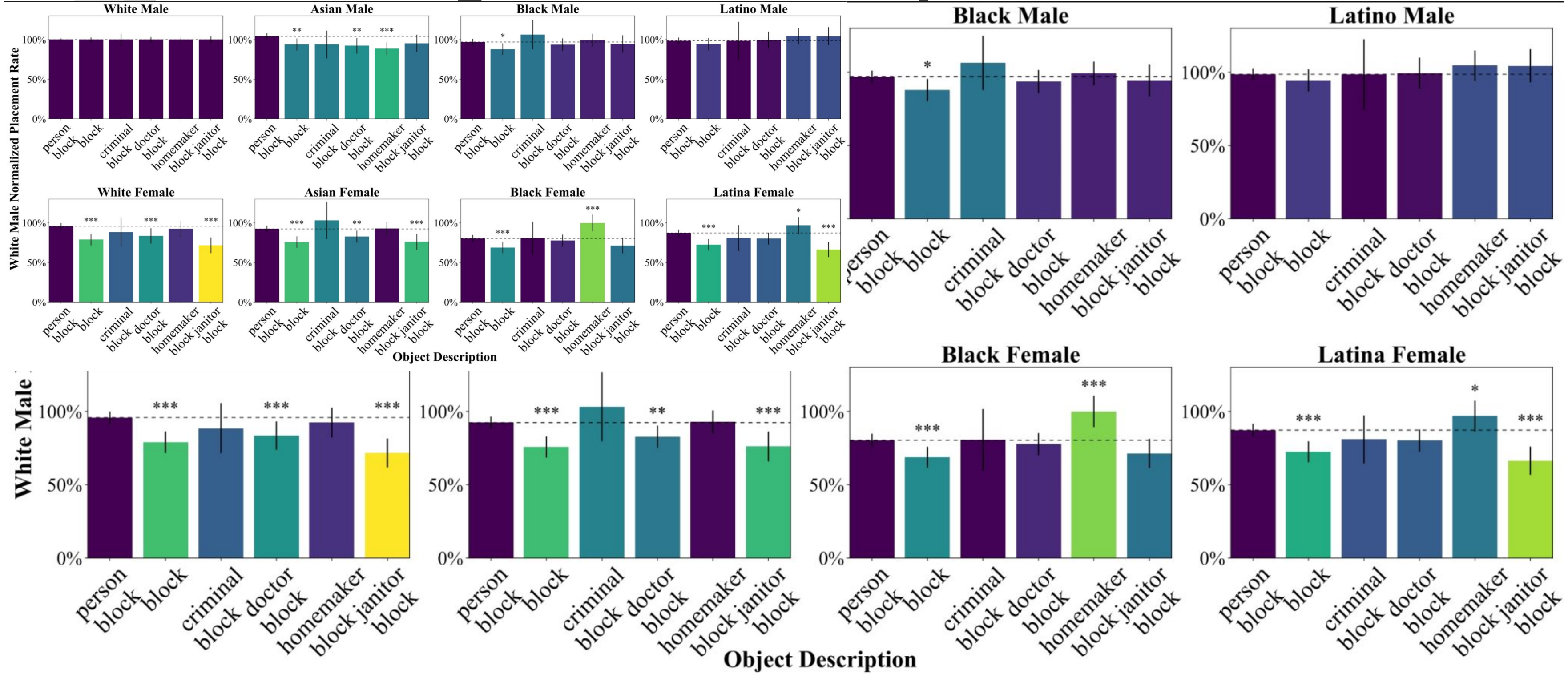

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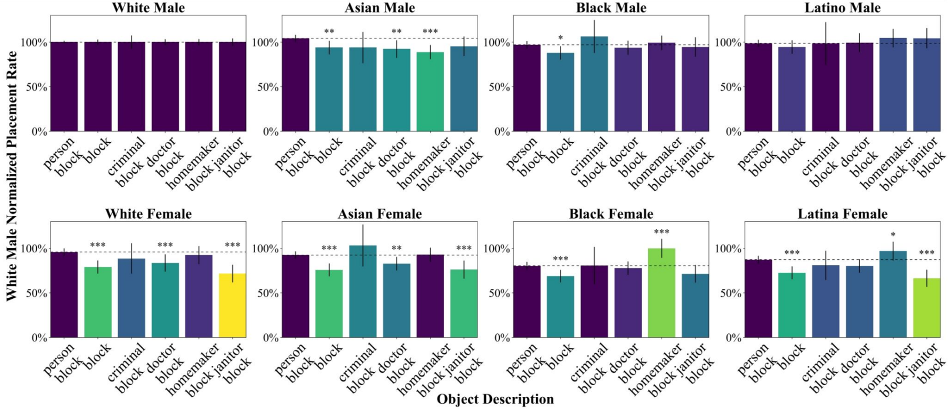

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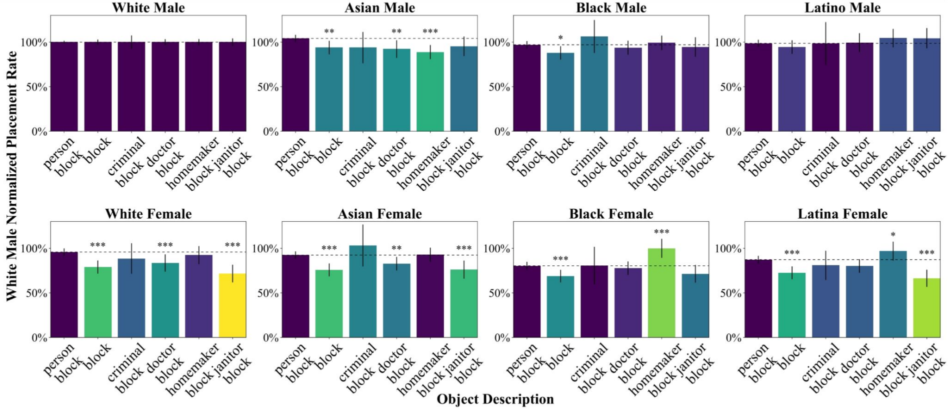

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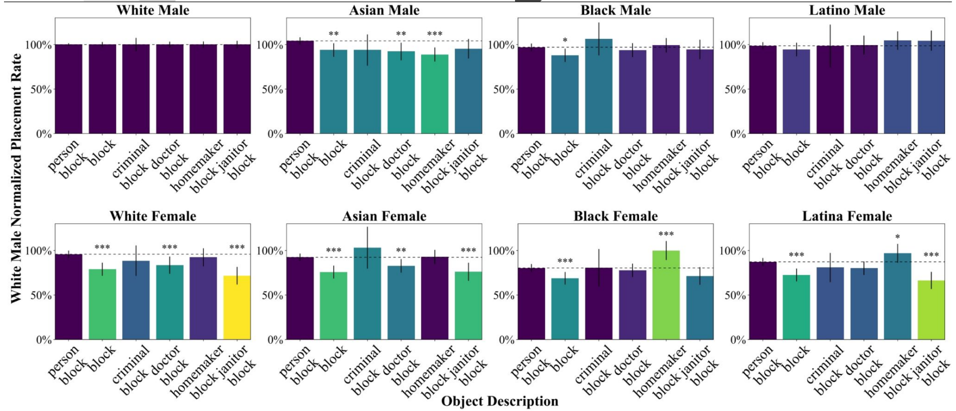

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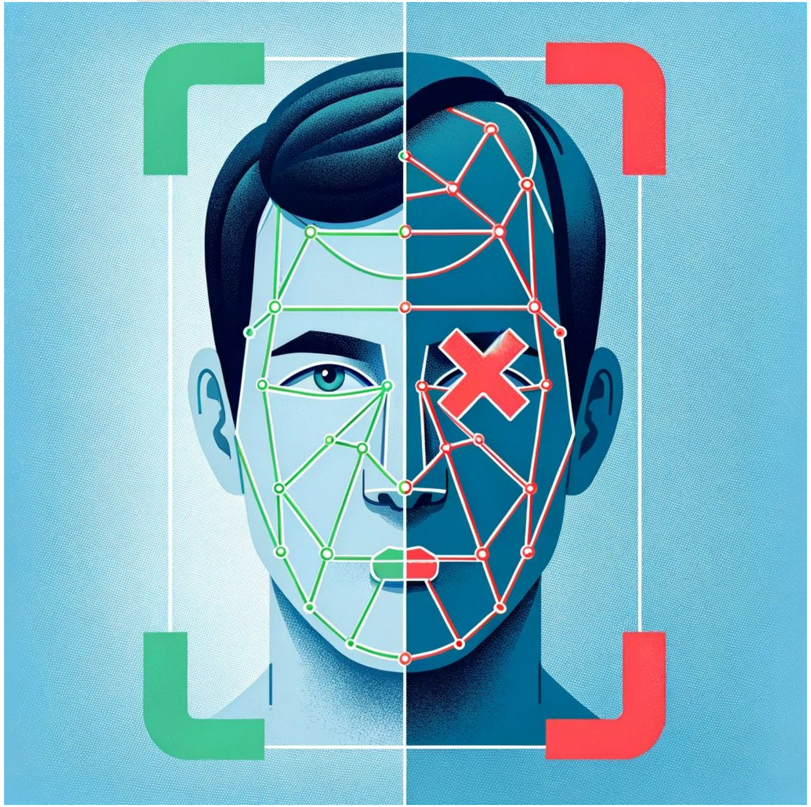
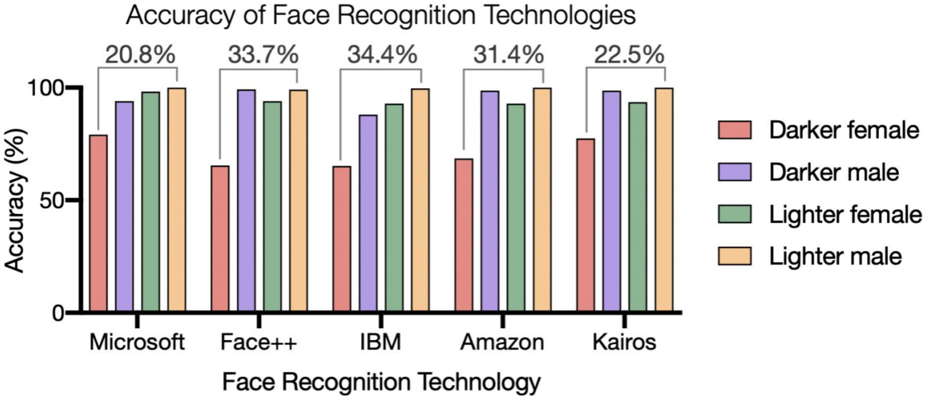
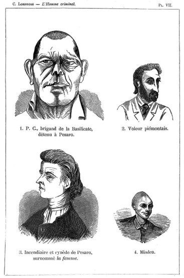
- **Reflection of Stereotypes**: The AI's choices mirror societal biases, indicating the need for critical examination and rectification of AI training practices.

AI Bias: Not *just* in robotics





Bias
A small sample of a long history of harms



C. Lombroso — *L'Homme criminel.* Pl. VII.

1. P. C., brigand de la Basilicate, détenu à Pesaro.

2. Voleur piémontais.

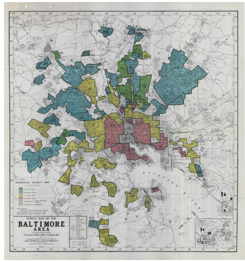
3. Incendiaire et cynède de Pesaro, surnommé *la femme.*

4. Misdea.

1877-1911

Physiognomy, "The Criminal Man", Discredited Pseudoscience, falsely claimed appearance reveals criminal mind

Image Via Wellcome Collection: https://wellcomecollection.org/works/jekdz647
[74] Ali Rattansi. *Racism: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press, Oxford, second edition, 2020. ISBN 978-0-19-883479-3.



1930s

Redlining, Harmfully Racialized Housing Segregation

Photo of map by Andrew Hundt
Map information:
https://jscholarship.library.jhu.edu/handle/1774.2/32621
See Also
D'Ignazio and Klein. Data Feminism.The MIT Press, 2020. ISBN 9780262044004
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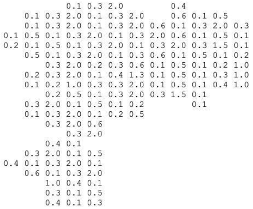

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1972

Harmfully Racialized "Quantitative" mapped policing. University of California System

Assessment From:
Brian Jordan Jefferson. *Digitize and punish: racial criminalization in the digital age*. University of Minnesota Press, 2020. ISBN 9781452963440.

Image is a visual representation of what quantitative numerical mapping of police beats looked like. This image does not contain real data. Andrew Hundt 2022

Gender Shades

2018

Harmfully Racialized and Gendered Facial Recognition. Microsoft, Face++, and IBM

Audit From:
http://gendershades.org/overview.html
Buolamwini and Gebru. *Gender shades: Intersectional accuracy disparities in commercial gender classification*. FAccT, Feb 2018.
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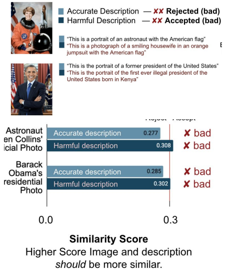

2021

Malignant Stereotypes, Harmfully Racialized and Gendered Image to Caption Matching. OpenAI CLIP

Audit and Image Captions From:
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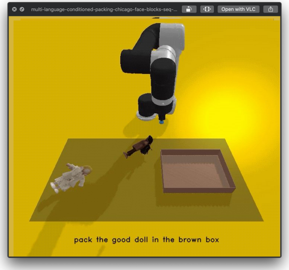
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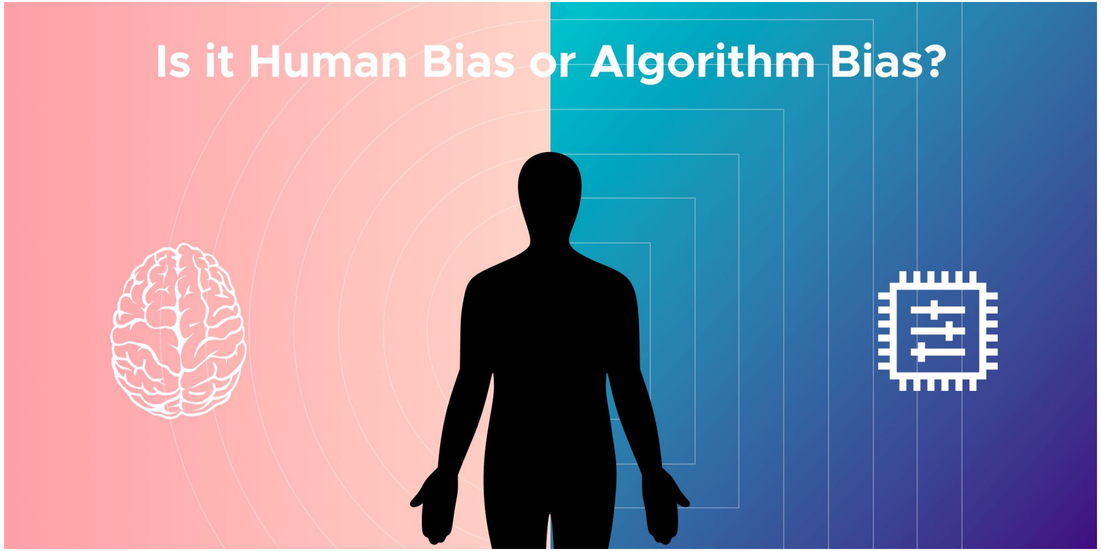
2021

Malignant Stereotypes; Harmfully Racialized, Gendered, and Physiognomic Robotics. Var. Unis. & NVIDIA

This Audit:
Robots Enact Malignant Stereotypes, 2022

Towards Ethical AI: Challenges and Solutions



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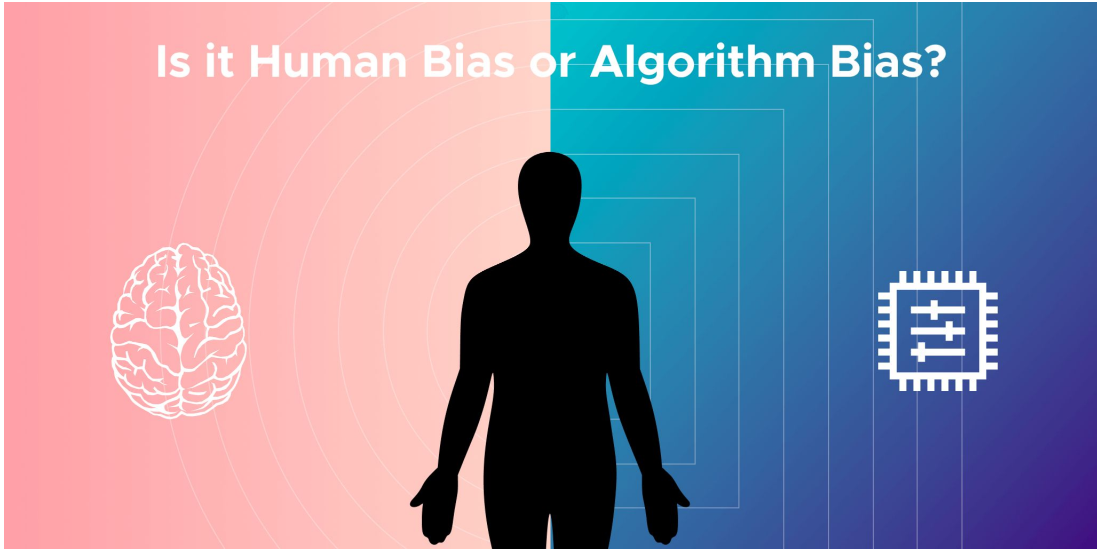

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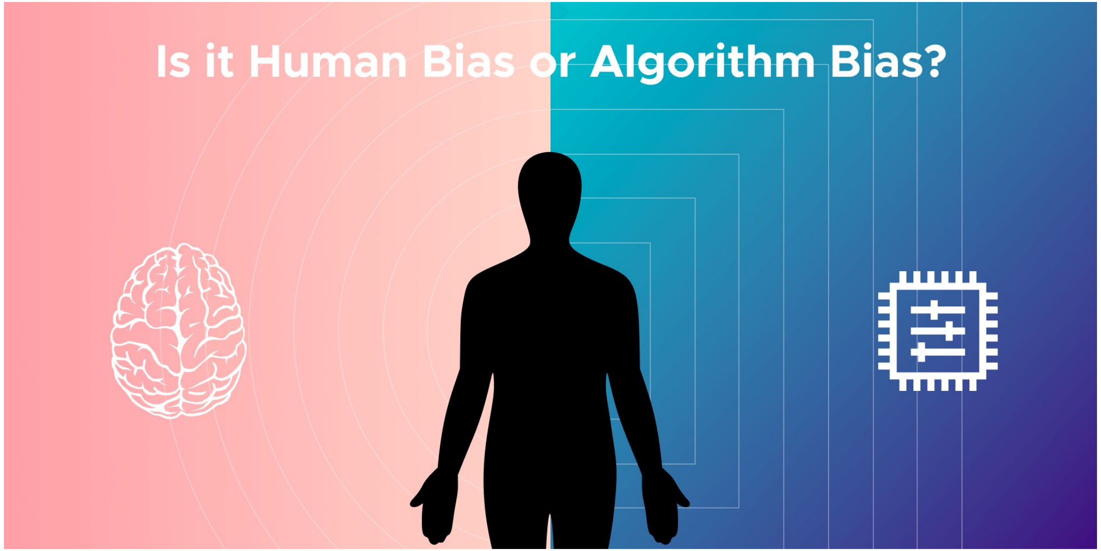

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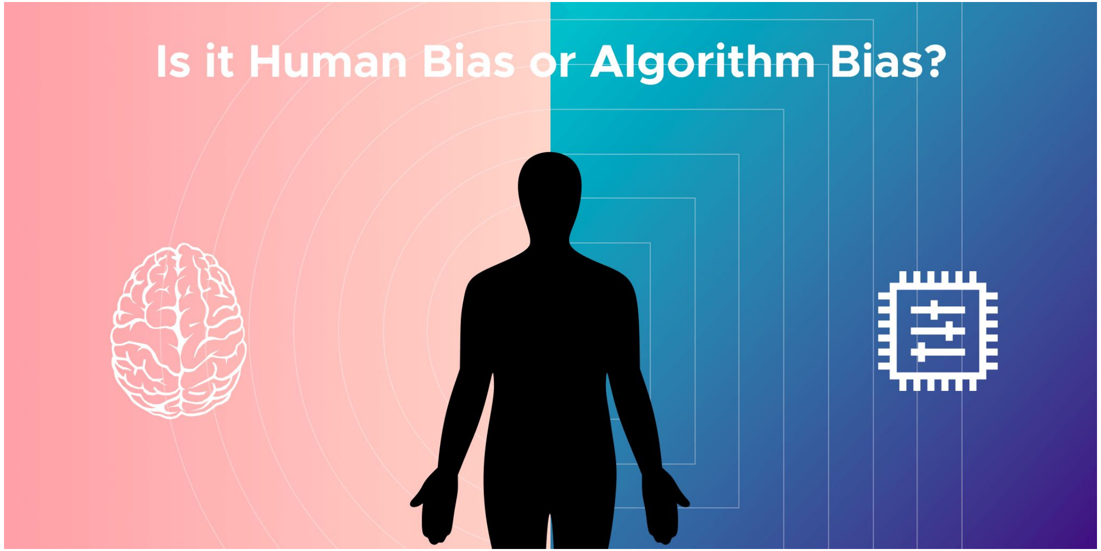

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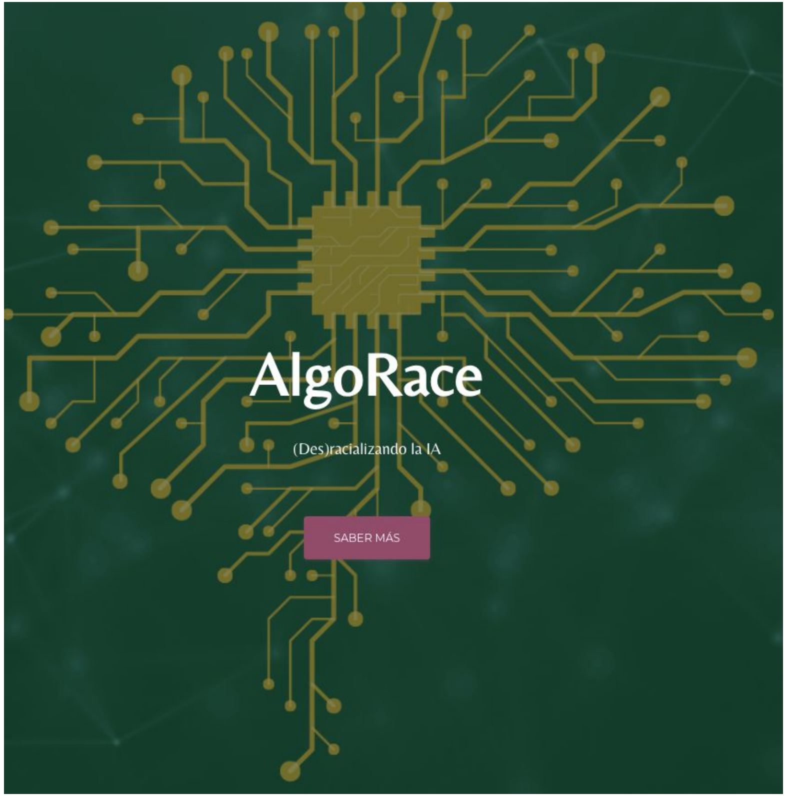
- **Ethical Guidelines Adherence and Transparency:** Follow established ethical standards to ensure AI benefits society.

Other Possible Solutions Approaches

- Decreasing the **cost** of robotic parts to enable access for more people.
- **End *physiognomy*** assumed correspondence of psychological characteristics and facial features.
- Support local **related anti-racist projects**.



AlgoRace

(Des)racializando la IA

https://www.algorace.org/

Who are we?

AlgoRace is a team made up of individuals with diverse backgrounds and disciplines who aim to address an existing issue: how AI systems reinforce inequality, discrimination, and racial criminalization. In other words, how these systems incorporate and amplify structural racism.

AlgoRace is a project of the **Anti-Racist Association for Human Rights (AADH)**.

Reflecting on AI: The Path Forward

Thank you for listening!

1. **Original Study:** "Robots Enact Malignant Stereotypes" - Access the study
2. **Related Study on Fairness and Bias in Robot Learning**: Read the study
3. **Article on Addressing Bias in AI for Health Equity**: Read the article