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Shaping AI to better serve people & society

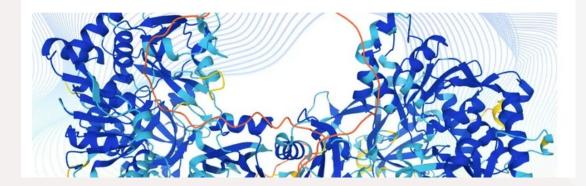


What does AI have to do with philanthropy?

AI breakthrough could spark medical revolution

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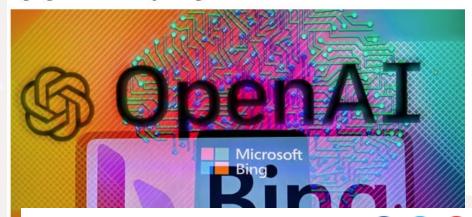






'I want to destroy whatever I want': Bing's AI chatbot unsettles US reporter

NYT correspondent's conversation with Microsoft's search engine leads to bizarre philosophical conversations that highlight the sense of speaking to a human



300 million jobs could be affected by latest wave of AI, says Goldman Sachs





ChatGPT falsely told voters their mayor was jailed for bribery. He may sue.



















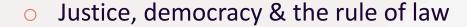




Al clones teen girl's voice in \$1M kidnapping scam: 'I've got your daughter'

Too often AI is shaped by the interests of governments and the tech industry without adequate concern for the individuals and communities it affects.

Al has been associated with a range of social justice issues



- Labour rights & consumer protection
- Equity and anti-discrimination
- Climate



Justice, democracy & the rule of law

TikTok algorithm directs users to fake news about Ukraine war, study says

Scrolling curated For You Page exposes users to disinformation within 40 minutes, investigation by NewsGuard suggests

Russia-Ukraine war: latest updates



My sons were profiled by a racist predictive policing system — the Al Act must prohibit these systems

By Diana Sardjoe

Inside the Suspicion Machine

Obscure government algorithms are making life-changing decisions about millions of people around the world. Here, for the first time, we reveal how one of these systems works.

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Labour rights & consumer protection





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This Student Is Taking On 'Biased' Exam Software

Mandatory face-recognition tools have repeatedly failed to identify people with darker skin tones. One Dutch student is fighting to end their use.









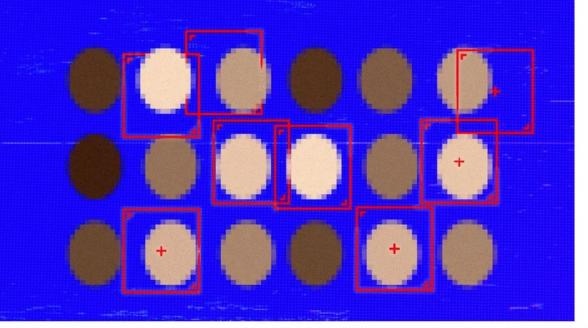


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Climate

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Training a single AI model can emit as much carbon as five cars in their lifetimes

Deep learning has a terrible carbon footprint.

Investigation reveals Facebook driving users towards extreme climate denial content



DIGITAL THREATS

Big tech failing to live up to pledges on climate disinformation

Europe's hidden energy crisis: Data centers

Brussels zones in on digital economy's heavy energy and water use.



From its design to its implementation and impact, Al reflects and amplifies the systems of power and privilege by which it was born.

Mozilla Foundation, AI Impacts In The Consumer Space & Social Justice

Artificial Intelligence is now a player in the shaping of knowledge, communication and power... Artificial Intelligence, in the process of remapping and intervening in the world, is politics by other means.

Kate Crawford, Atlas of Al

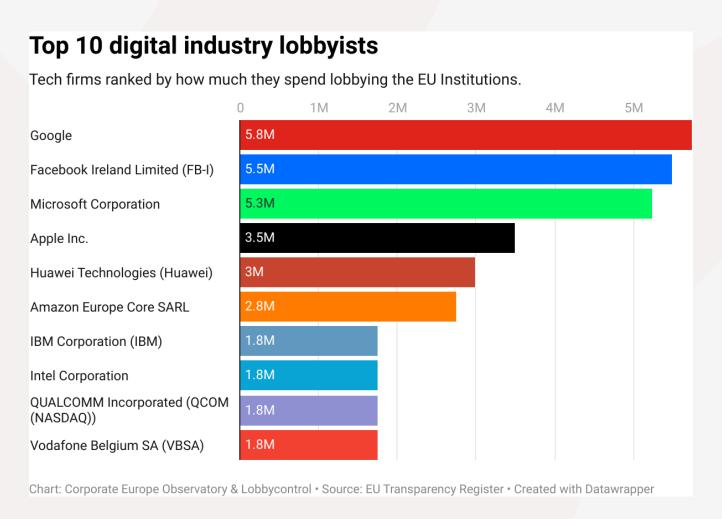
The European Union and governments around the world are developing regulation that could set the future direction of AI.

Civil society organisations can shape these policies so that AI serves the needs of people and society.

And they can use new legislation to hold to account those who develop and deploy AI.







Corporate Europe Observatory, Big Tech's Web of Influence in the EU

Since we were established in 2020, the European AI & Society Fund has supported almost 40 organisations with a grantmaking budget of around €1,8m each year. These are some of our current grantees.

Technology

- Access Now
- Ada Lovelace Institute
- Algorithm Audit
- AlgorithWatch
- European Digital Rights Initiative
- Eticas Foundation

Social Justice

- European Network Against Racism
- EuroMed Rights
- Fair Trials Europe
- Friends of the Earth Europe
- Global Health Advocates

Communiities

- European Council of Autistic People
- European Disability Forum
- European Patients Forum
- European Sex Workers Rights Alliance
- Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants
- Systemic Justice

Empowering civil society

Our grantees have helped put fundamental rights and democratic freedoms at the heart of policymaking on AI and have brought the perspectives of marginalised communities such as migrants and sex workers to the debate.

- ✓ Transparency requirements in the Digital Service Act around how social media platforms recommend and amplify content
- ✓ Curtailing surveillance-based advertising by limiting use of personal data for targeted ads

- Pan predictive policing systems in the Artificial Intelligence Act
- ? Ban real-time facial recognition in the AIA
- ? Ban on emotion recognition software in AIA
- ? Ban on profiling and automated risk assessments of migrants in the AIA