

AI, and do you want it?

Why would you want a computer-generated response instead of your own?

AI was trained in ways that are similar to how we were educated. AI was taught by multiple voices expressing multiple views about myriad topics. The main difference between the education of humans and the training of AI is that AI didn't learn the unique human traits like empathy, kindness, socialization, laughter, sadness, getting and giving hugs, and the many other traits that define us as humans.

AI can dominate the following abilities and aspects of our conscious mind:

- Chatbots
- Decision making
- Search engines
- Face recognition
- Remembering without forgetting
- Problem-solving
- Mathematics

However, AI has not learned the nuances of human speech or writing. Nuance, to writers, poets, and those who use the right side of their brain more than the left side, is an art form in itself. AI doesn't know what art is. AI can define art but cannot create art, especially in its written form.

So far, I have found AI to be limited and frustrating. AI has also become ubiquitous in a short amount of time despite its being virtually unknown and under-tested. For instance, it is already the system that answers the phones for many businesses, and it is worse than the foreigners who

used to have that job. And, despite the assurances that AI wouldn't cost jobs, it has and will continue to do so, and soon on a much larger scale.

For most of my adult life, I've said that America is run by money. Everything from politics to grocery stores to housing is profit-generating, and while businesses need profit, they certainly don't need excessive profits that cause the poor to suffer.

But backing up slightly, I've also thought that people have the instinct to behave badly, from rolling through stop signs to taking tax write-offs they don't qualify for, and because of that, laws needed to be enacted. After that, those laws needed to be enforced. And today, there are too many laws, and enforcement is haphazard at best.

Going forward again, most of us don't know how the code for AI is written. We don't know what or even if limitations are inherent in the code, and we don't even know if humans are currently doing the coding or if that has been turned over to AI. It seems that most people have accepted AI with a trust that I don't think is deserving. Very few have asked questions about AI because how and what does one ask about a technology that is so secret?

AI is making huge strides in the medical and science fields, among many others.

AI is undoubtedly a rare and genuine phenomenon, and because of that, it should be handled with the utmost care. The public should be informed of who is using it and where it is being deployed, especially militarily.

There is little dispute among scientists, industry experts, and Pentagon officials that the U.S. will, within the next few years, have fully autonomous lethal weapons. And, while officials insist

humans will always be in control, experts say advances in data-processing speed and machine-to-machine communications will inevitably relegate people to supervisory roles.

Relegating people means job losses and a reliance on machine learning rather than humans.

Using AI to make better and more lethal weapons of war seems to this anti-war person a waste of something great. Why not turn some AI usage into advocating for anti-war solutions and see what it comes up with?

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