



## The Investigator Newsletter



### The Dangers of Artificial Intelligence

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There is no denying that artificial intelligence (AI) has been broadly impactful in making our day-to-day lives more accessible and efficient; however, AI poses serious and probable dangers as it advances. It is essential that current and future developers of AI fully understand their systems before development can continue.

#### **Discrimination**

As discussed in part one of *The Dangers of Artificial Intelligence*, AI makes tracking and analyzing our every move possible. Unfortunately, this information can be used against us, and as seen in an American example, police officers use predictive policing algorithms to determine where crime occurs next. These algorithms are based on arrest rates, which creates problematic over-policing and disproportionately affects Black communities. In this light, AI becomes a destructive authoritarian weapon.

#### **Ethical Dilemma**

Concerns over ethics have skyrocketed with the ever-growing construction of **artificial intelligence**. The recently developed AI program ChatGPT gives substance to these worries as academic integrity and creativity are being threatened. As

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noted above, widespread stories suggest that many individuals use AI tools to write their school assignments. This is just one example of the ethical lines drawn regarding AI and academics.

### Autonomous Weapons

AI programmed to kill has long been a fear for humankind. The idea of autonomous weapons gaining a mind of their own may be more realistic than you may think; however, aside from AI controlling itself, autonomous weapons can pose a significant risk to society if they were to end up in the wrong hands, whether by a hacker or an ill-minded government. Stopping AI from such an event would be nearly impossible, so things mustn't get out of hand.



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