

Social and Ethical Implications of AI: A Select Bibliography

Note: this select bibliography is meant to raise awareness and provide resources for further understanding of some of the troublesome social and ethical implications of AI as a technology. Therefore, it is an intentionally biased list, created to provide alternative viewpoints to dominant ideological perspectives that view (in the main) that AI is here to stay, and that it is (in the main) a beneficial technology whose social consequences can be addressed through post-design and post-use technological reforms. It only includes sources that I am familiar with, either in terms of the authors or the publication. It is a work in progress!

Books:

- “[Race After Technology: Abolitionist Tools for the New Jim Code](#)”, by Ruha Benjamin
- “[Algorithms of Oppression: How Search Engines Reinforce Racism](#)”, by Safiya Umoja Noble
- “[More than a Glitch: Confronting Race, Gender, and Ability Bias in Tech](#)”, by Meredith Broussard
- “[The Eye of the Master: A Social History of Artificial Intelligence](#)”, by Matteo Pasquenelli
- “[Automating Inequality: How High-Tech Tools Profile, Police, and Punish the Poor](#)”, by Virginia Eubanks
- “[Dark Matters: On the Surveillance of Blackness](#)”, by Simone Browne
- “[Captivating Technology: Race, Carceral Technoscience, and Liberatory Imagination in Everyday Life](#)”, by Ruha Benjamin (editor)
- “[Unmasking AI: My Mission to Protect What Is Human in a World of Machines](#)”, by Joy Buolamwini
- “[Empire of AI: Dreams and Nightmares in Sam Altman's OpenAI](#)”, by Karen Hao
- “[The AI Con: How to Fight Big Tech's Hype and Create the Future We Want](#)”, by Emily M. Bender & Alex Hanna

Articles:

- “AI goes nuclear”, <https://thebulletin.org/2024/12/ai-goes-nuclear/>
- “Injustice Ex Machina: Predictive Algorithms in Criminal Sentencing”, <https://www.uclalawreview.org/injustice-ex-machina-predictive-algorithms-in-criminal-sentencing/>
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- “Little-Known Federal Software Can Trigger Revocation of Citizenship”, <https://theintercept.com/2021/08/25/atlas-citizenship-denaturalization-homeland-security/>
- “The Perpetual Line-Up: Unregulated Police Face Recognition in America”, <https://www.law.georgetown.edu/privacy-technology-center/publications/the-perpetual-line-up/>
- “The Internet’s New Favorite AI Proposes Torturing Iranians and Surveilling Mosques”, <https://theintercept.com/2022/12/08/openai-chatgpt-ai-bias-ethics/>

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- “Homeland Security Will Let Computers Predict Who Might Be a Terrorist on Your Plane — Just Don’t Ask How It Works”, <https://theintercept.com/2018/12/03/air-travel-surveillance-homeland-security/>
- “Gender Shades: Intersectional Accuracy Disparities in Commercial Gender Classification”, <https://proceedings.mlr.press/v81/buolamwini18a/buolamwini18a.pdf>
- “Facial Recognition is the Plutonium of AI”, <https://abebabirhane.wordpress.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/12411-facialrecognitionisplutonium-stark.pdf>
- “AI recognition of patient race in medical imaging: a modelling study”, [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/landig/article/PIIS2589-7500\(22\)00063-2/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/landig/article/PIIS2589-7500(22)00063-2/fulltext)
- “AI Convergence: Risks at the Intersection of AI and Nuclear, Biological and Cyber Threats”, <https://futureoflife.org/project/ai-convergence-nuclear-biological-cyber/>
- “From Tool To Tyrant: The Risk Of Nuclear-Powered AI”, <https://www.forbes.com/councils/forbestechcouncil/2024/12/03/from-tool-to-tyrant-the-risk-of-nuclear-powered-ai/>
- “The Exploited Labor Behind Artificial Intelligence”, <https://www.noemamag.com/the-exploited-labor-behind-artificial-intelligence/>

Audio-Visual:

- [Overview: We Saw What AI Data Centers Don't Want You to See](#) (2026)
- [Coded Bias](#) (2020)
- [Misaligned: When AI Goes Wrong](#) (2026)
- [The AI Doc: Or How I Became an Apocaloptimist](#) (2026)
- [The Social Dilemma](#) (2020)
- [Dark Sides of Artificial Intelligence](#) (2023)
- [iHuman](#) (2019)
- [15 Best AI Documentaries to Watch in 2026](#) [A more broad-based list, including pros and cons]