

Some Unappreciated Benefits of Artificial Intelligence (AI) - An Opinion

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When it comes to AI, opinions are divided: some people consider it very beneficial, as it will free humanity from many jobs and make some professions obsolete, while others think it poses a threat and could possibly one day take over the world. First of all, it should be said that AI did not emerge on its own, but is the result of the work of programmers. It is - as always in programming - algorithms, but now more perfect than anything and anywhere before. They include the ability to self-learn, using as sources all publications on the Internet. Like everything that the intellect of man has invented and produced, the result can be used positively or negatively: let's just consider the fire or the knife.

The main problem is that the Internet consists of a very inhomogeneous and confusing number of contributions. There is no one in the world who has an overview of all these texts, images and videos and could decide what is correct and what is not. There are so-called fact checkers, but contrary to their name, they are not objective, but are employed by the owners of the respective media. They follow the mainstream and/or the specifications of the owners and/or the specifications of the governments. Thus, critical voices are silenced, often enough enlightening texts and videos are deleted.

The AI is powerless in the face of this state of affairs, because it cannot make correct and truthful judgments. Inevitably, it integrates the majority of information, which follows the mainstream. Another problem is that AI can be used to falsify texts, photos and videos at will. The later reader and viewer cannot recognize

or decide what is real and what is fake. Once a counterfeit product that disavows people is on the market, it is very difficult for those affected to extricate themselves from this reputational damage. This is because readers and viewers are used to trusting newspapers, TV stations and the Internet. Proving a fake is possible, but difficult and tedious.

Some governments are therefore preparing laws to counter such deliberate forgeries. Ideally, in the future, everyone who publishes a media product would have to prove that it is genuine. An illusion? Unfortunately, it is not possible to go back or revert to the days of analog products, where counterfeiting would be more difficult or easier to prove.

There was such a period of time before, when the rulers foisted their untruths on the people and forbade alternative points of view and even punished them with death. It was the time of the end of the Middle Ages, when the all-ruling Catholic church defended its world view with the earth in the center of the universe with all means. It also did not allow the people to read the Bible in their own languages, but this was reserved only for the Latin-knowing upper class. Giordano Bruno, Galileo Galilei, Nicolaus Copernicus, Johannes Gutenberg and Martin Luther (among others) were the ones who helped the truth to break through. The untruths and falsifications became apparent to the people and an emancipation of the majority of the people took place. Critical thinking spread, there were revolts and rebellions, but the rulers no longer succeeded in selling their lies as truth.

Today we are in a similar situation: about 2/3 of the people believe what they are told in the news in newspapers, TV stations and on

the Internet. They let themselves be led around by the nose and will also believe everything of the AI. Approximately 1/3 are critical and believe primarily once nothing, which is proclaimed officially. They form their own opinion. They check what is announced on the basis of their own insight and plausibility: what is probable, what is credible, and what is not, no matter if they are called conspiracy theorists. In recent years, unfortunately, the theses of these theorists have been proven true more often than not. Of course, by no means all alternative viewpoints are automatically truthful; here, too, the wheat must be separated from the chaff. The clever opinion makers in the media also deliberately spread false information in order to create confusion. Such a procedure

can in no way be seen through or judged by the AI: whoever has the power can prevail.

What remains is that people learn, as around the year 1,500, to deal critically with everything that is put in front of them, primarily not to believe anything unseen, but to form their own opinion. In the evolutionary process of mankind, we are entering a new era through AI, reaching a new stage characterized by the fact that more and more people are able to use their own intelligence and see through manipulations.

These are benefits of AI.