

Real headlines of 2022

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Top 10 new jobs of 2002 (Salon, *Daily Telegraph*, 12/97)

1. IP protection officer
2. Personal mood consultant
3. Electronic image consultant
4. Data obfuscator
5. Human virtual servant
6. Citizenship broker
7. Real-time biographer
8. Computer therapist
9. People reviewer
10. Digital actors union representative

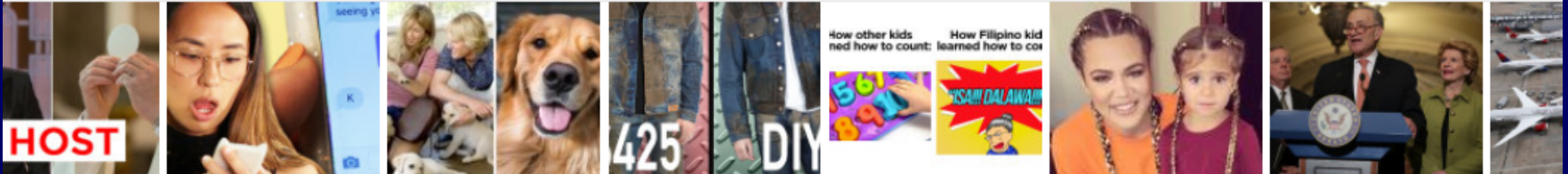
“I believe that there is no greater threat to our democratic institutions in existence.”

- What technology are they talking about
- And when?

Assumptions...

- A human mass extinction event has not taken place.
- Neither society nor the financial system has completely collapsed.
- The Singularity has not happened (though Ray Kurzweil holds to his timeline of 2030-2045).

The Intercept leaks secret plans to combat fake news and orchestrated attempts to sway the 2024 US presidential election: all campaign materials will be delivered in Navajo.



WORLD



A Complete Timeline Of How Trump Supporters Tried — And Failed — To Hijack The French Election

TL;DR: No one on 4chan bothered to learn how to speak French.

Posted on May 8, 2017, at 6:02 p.m.



Ryan Broderick

BuzzFeed News Reporter

The Guardian reveals that the "AIs" behind "algorithm-driven" systems operated by Google, Facebook, and Amazon are all the work of human "Mechanical Turks".

RATERS OF THE WORLD UNITE —

The secret lives of Google raters

They spent years testing Google's algorithms—then everything changed.

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UCLA Information Studies professor Sarah Roberts has been **studying the lives of raters for the past five years**, traveling from California to the Philippines to interview workers. She told Ars that one constant in all their stories is that these workers feel isolated from the companies like Google and Facebook, even though most of their work benefits them. Some say that *they* know they work for Google, but Google doesn't know they work there.

Roberts believes that big companies like Google want to keep raters hidden, largely because they like to boast about how many tasks they handle with AI. "Actually their AIs are people in the Philippines," she told Ars by phone. "Are there algorithms in all these tasks? Sure. Is it 100 percent? Not even close. There's some kind of profit motive behind these claims [about how] machines and algorithms run the show."

LEAKED DATA: Uber's self-driving cars still need near-constant human intervention



Rob Price [✉](#) [🐦](#)

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Recode has got its hands on internal data from the ride-hailing company's autonomous-car unit detailing everything from the distance its vehicles are driving each week to the number of "bad experiences" they have had.

One particularly startling statistic is that in the week that ended March 8, the cars travelled only 0.8 miles on average between each time a human driver had to take control, overriding the self-driving tech, otherwise known as a disengagement. (Self-driving-car tests on commercial roads keep humans in the driver's seat at all times.)

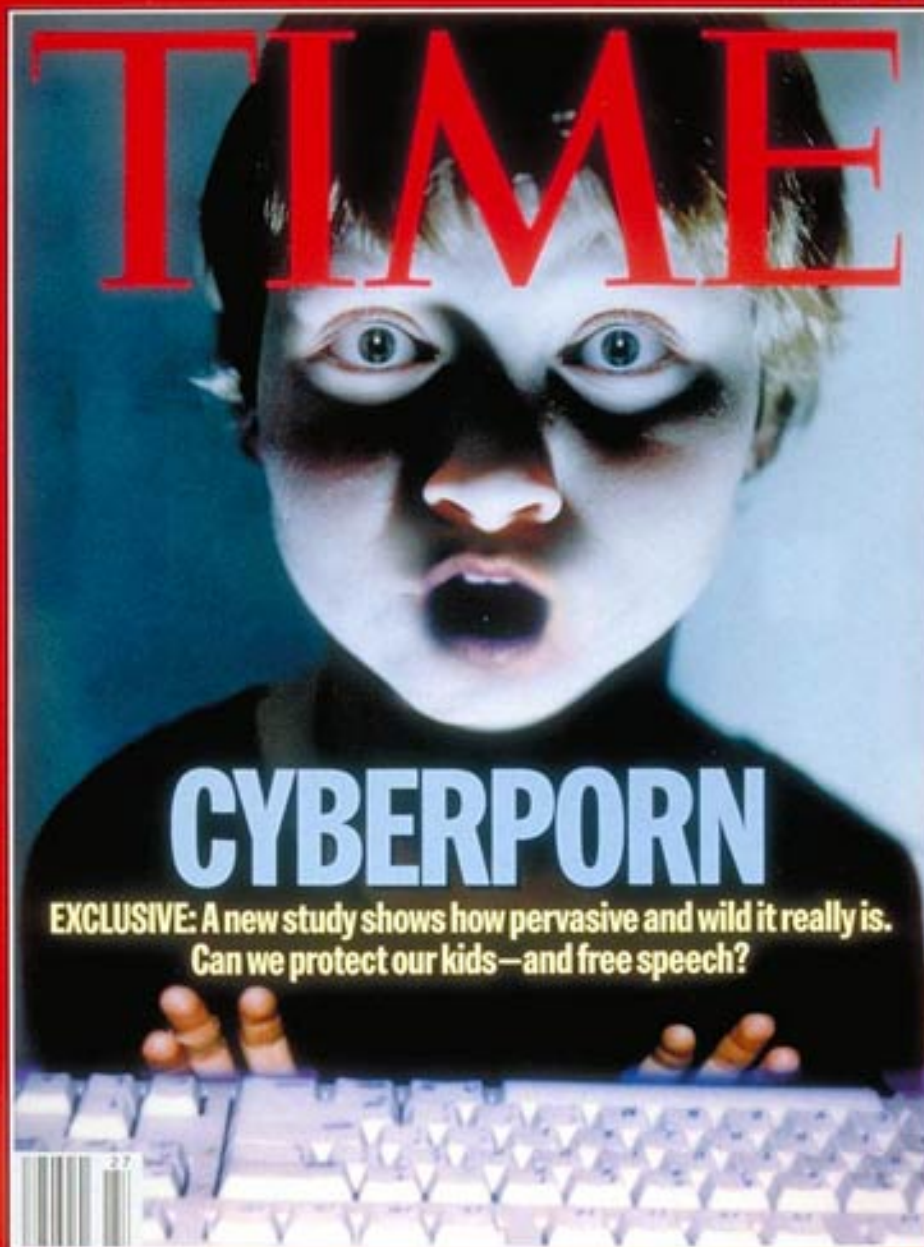
In other words, **the cars can barely drive by themselves for a mile (on average) before a human has to step in.** This also doesn't include "accidental disengagements, end-of-route disengagements, and early takeovers."

The data starkly illustrates the differences between Uber and Google, and the latter's far more mature self-driving car program. Waymo (the official name of Google parent company Alphabet's self-driving company) cars last year were being disengaged at a rate of just once per 5,000 miles, [according to data released in February.](#)



An Uber driverless Ford Fusion on Smallman Street on September 22 in Pittsburgh. Jeff Swensen/Getty Images

Researchers find that 90% of the data traffic generated by the Internet of Things is pornography. The Daily Mail demands family-friendly filtering that blocks all pink pixels.



TIME

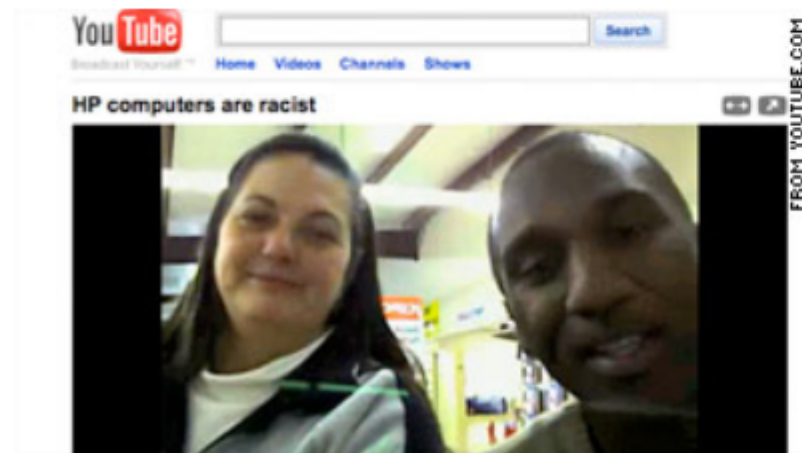
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EXCLUSIVE: A new study shows how pervasive and wild it really is.
Can we protect our kids—and free speech?



HP looking into claim webcams can't see black people

December 24, 2009 -- Updated 0025 GMT (0825 HKT)



A YouTube video shows co-workers trying out an HP webcam with motion-tracking and facial recognition software.

(CNN) -- Can Hewlett-Packard's motion-tracking webcams see black people? It's a question posed on a now-viral YouTube video and the company says it's looking into it.

In the video, two co-workers take turns in front of the camera -- the webcam appears to follow Wanda Zamen as she sways in front of the screen and stays still as Desi Cryer moves about.

LIFE

How Flawed Computer Data Creates Racist Algorithms



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FACEBOOK FIX Facebook 'as addictive as nicotine and chocolate' – with the LOGO enough to set off cravings

A study of 200 people showed that the Facebook logo sparked irresistible 'pleasure cravings' in frequent users of the social media site

By Chloe Mayer

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TechCrunch reports that an app that synthesizes your voice and calls your mother, analyzes the call in the cloud in real time, and alerts you if there's anything that seems to require personal attention...has raised \$1 million on Kickstarter in one hour.

Mumsnet's latest FAQ: Top ten signs your
child has a secret computer

Mindset: Class of '22 (b. 1998)

- A Bush or Clinton has always been running for office.
- Euros have always been legal tender.
- Vaccines have always been erroneously linked to autism.
- There have always been "nanny cams".
- X-rays have always been digital; robots have always been surgeons' partners.
- Airline tickets, eBay, Google have always been online; Bluetooth has always been available.
- GPS has always meant no one ever has to get lost.
- There has always been advertising on the internet.

Mindset: Class of '35 (b. 2017)

- Britain has never been an EU member state.
- GCHQ has always had the legal authority to do "bulk equipment interference" and suspicionless wiretapping.
- Everything has always been mediated: car keys, entertainment, thermostats, payment, social interactions.
- Software has always been able to change the physical world.

Today's 9-year-olds (b. 2008)

- "The turn of the century" has always meant the turn of the **21st** century.
- Video call or text sure, but audio-only is weird.
- Being surveilled means you're safe.
- All behavior is subject to public shaming.
- Algorithms have always made major decisions about people's lives.
- It has always been possible to pay tax, parking tickets, report potholes and missed waste collections, and apply for government benefits online.

Policy questions for 2022

- How do we redesign road layouts to ensure the safety of a generation who never look up?
- Should Deaf access to video calling be a human right?
- Should video ads for malware and support services be allowed to appear on television?
- How long should manufacturers be required to issue security patches? Because software is forever.
- Should at-home IoT health monitoring be a requirement for receiving NHS benefits?