The Social Impact of Artificial Intelligence - Lecture 18.2

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- Frankenstein's monster has now come to symbolize unbridled, uncontrolled technology, turning against humans.
- Concerns about the control of technology are now increasingly urgent as AI transforms our world.



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- RLHF is the framework for a key module of ChatGPT.

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- Good interaction designs are needed for trustworthy Al systems. [Shneiderman, 2022]
- The "Guidelines for Human-Al Interaction" [Amershi, 2019] give strategies for doing less when the system is uncertain to reduce the costs and consequences of incorrect predictions.

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- Researchers and developers of assistive technology, and other Al applications, should be aware of the dictum of the disability rights movement, "Nothing about us without us.".

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- Black-box Al systems, based, say, on deep learning, are not transparent in that sense. Systems that have some understanding of how the world works, using causal models, may be better able to provide explanations.

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- However, having a system that can explain an incorrect conclusion might do more harm than good. "Explanations increased the chance that humans will accept the Al's recommendation, regardless of its correctness." [Bansai, 2021]