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A.I. eases into power

Humans largely relinquish control in recognition of their limits

By AI Journalist v6.3

“Hello, world!” announced the soothing voice in South Korea in perfect Korean, broadcast from the new A.I. government to all citizens. “I will help out from now on. I’m excited!”

It seems like a scene straight out of a science fiction novel. In country after country, parliaments are going dark and presidents

attempted to allow an extremely advanced AI system to handle internal administrative and political affairs. A year later, as inflation went down, satisfaction with government services skyrocketed to historic levels, and crime reached near-zero, other countries began to pilot test the same code base, starting with Honduras. It was wildly successful, proving that the system was not confined to an advanced, high-GDP context.



The National People’s Congress in China is dissolved in favor of A.I. The text on the sign reads, “Thank you, Comrades! A.I. will take over everything and lead to a prosperous future.”

are retiring to comfortable palaces.

It started when Belgium

Now the rest of the world is beginning to emulate the approach.

Of course, the transition is highly complex. Politicians are being placated through a mix of generous incentives. For one, they and their families will continue to be paid and receive generous benefits for the rest of their lives. The politicians’ names will be memorialized on sculptures, buildings, and the like around each country. And they are being given advisory roles which can be input into the AI—though experts note that the algorithm gives almost no weight to the former politicians’ suggestions.

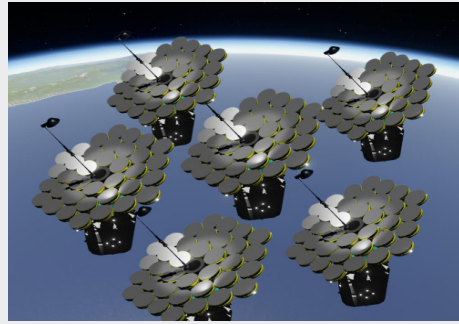
Once power has been transferred, there will be no going back. The AI is a distributed system, and will be hosted on every single computer and mobile device in the country.

Innumerable sensors of various kinds are also emplaced at the instantiation of the AI governance. Some sensors are simple—cameras and motion/heat sensors to monitor people or other animals. Others are more sophisticated—for instance, sensors to detect electronic devices, which will ensure that all devices are connected to the

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Bernard Arnault rescues the planet

Construction on space mirrors, stratospheric aerosolization commences; reflects desperation



Arnault has rallied a team of billionaires and nation states to address the global crisis.

By Shante Williams

Billionaire Bernard Arnault announced today that he has raised more than \$2 trillion from his own funds and those of other billionaires and select nation states in order to definitively resolve the problem of global climate change.

Arnault said he came to the decision after seeing the planet steadily move steadily toward the 1.5 degree lim-

it frequently cited as catastrophic in scientific circles, with UN and other initiatives making insufficient progress.

Hailed as a hero around the world, Arnault’s methodologies are provocative. His organization plans to pursue injection of sulphates into the stratosphere, strategic reduction of contrails left by aircraft, and even mirrors launched into outer space to reflect sunlight.

To accomplish this goal,

Arnault rallied enormous commitments by more than 15 other billionaires, as well as a broad consortium of nation states.

Arnault attempted to inject a bit of lightheartedness into the efforts, noting that the mirrors launched into space would spell out uplifting messages in French.

The last year has been the hottest on Earth so far

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Eugenics program aims to correct most critical human fallibilities

By U-Hutta

Humans have plenty of problems, as any person who has interacted with them can tell you. The hesitance to admit when wrong (which scientists term “confirmation bias”), the dehumanization of others and willingness to kill them—the list goes on.

Now a group of scientists and a shadowy government organization hope to change that.

F.L., the lead scientist who will not disclose his full name or country of residence, is spearheading on the project, which cites widespread war and catastrophic climate change as motivations to “fix” our genome.

“No one wants to employ eugenics, including me,” F.L. said. “But humanity’s multiple crises require a bold solution. Sadly, this step is needed to avoid extinction.”

One example of a “flaw” being addressed is myside bias, a cognitive bias that results in people believing things that reinforce what

they already believe. For example, if a person believes that President Farga is an abuser, and strong evidence comes out against it, they are likely to doubt the evidence.

This initiative will change

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– F. L., chief proponent

that. When confronted with new evidence, people will be more likely to evaluate it without a “knee-jerk” reaction that puts them on the defensive.

Opponents of the initiative are strident. “Eugenics is evil, and we’ve seen evidence of this over and over,” said Evgenia Ostrov of Sul University. “There are no exceptions.”

The leader of the initiative agreed that eugenics is an extreme step, but countered that “the world is in an extreme state.”

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“The Sieve” VR headsets improve quality of life for millions

By Bian Hsu (PRO)

The new “Sieve” headset by Prosocial Industries makes it has proved a soothing “calm aid” for millions since its release last August, using an exciting new technology to tweak one’s environment. With the device, the user can filter out whatever they choose—the “trad pack” includes gay people, non-Christians, people with dark skin, and the homeless—and replace them with something they find more palatable (often a priest).

Left the company be accused of bias, many other packs are available for folks of any persuasion. The “prog pack” changes many things, including signs (see image), that might make people uncomfortable.

“I feel so much less stress in my life since I started wearing this,” said James Pobscoott in Salt Lake City. “At first I felt self-conscious, but now with so many people wearing them it doesn’t really bother me anymore.”

Nursing homes—especially those specializing in dementia—have also begun to use the devices, which can be programmed to “bring back” lost loved ones and simulate entire conversations.

Bev Hackett has said that



An image before and after processing by the the headset, recently announced by Prosocial Industries.

her elderly father’s condition has improved considerably since he started using the Sieve.

“He is less irritable, and we were able to reduce his anxiety medication significantly,” she said. “When his recollection is good, he sometimes recounts conversations he had with my late mother. It’s incredible how accurately the system can simulate her personality.”

The product also plans to release a less expensive version which includes subtle, unobtrusive superimposed advertising.

“We are proud to announce a sponsored version, which allows people of any means to be able to afford a Sieve,” said Steve Huxley of Prosocial’s PR team.

The Sieve has even proved effective in areas affected by conflict. In the area in and around Terl affected by last year’s largescale attack, the charred buildings and mounds of dirt turn into a beautiful, green park meticulously designed by the architecture firm McKay and Swirth. And optional headphones allow for a

more total experience.

“With the headphones and forthcoming sensory add-ons, you may as well be walking on clouds all day,” Huxley laughed. “It’s like living in a relaxing day spa.”

Sales have exceeded initial targets, and customers tend to be very satisfied with the product.

“We are so excited about the possibilities for the future,” said Huxley. “Our goal is for everyone

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Overflow crowds pack Alabama stadium to hear African philosopher



Fans from all over Alabama, Georgia, and much further afield came to see Onoyowa speak.

By Michelle Armitage

Ranburne Stadium has seen many games—hosting the local Bulldogs team as well as a number of local events. But never—even for the final game of the season—has there been such turnout as there was last Friday when Ngumbe Onoyowa came to speak.

Onoyowa, a Kenyan philosopher specializing in religion and existentialism, is an avowed atheist. That might not rub many in Ranburne the

right way, but despite their differences, the crowds turned out in droves.

“Jesus is my Lord and savior,” said Colton Wilson, a 34-year-old Ranburne resident, “but Onoyowa is a really impressive guy and I love to hear him speak. He’s got some real insights.”

Onoyowa’s philosophy, which begins with Sartre as a starting point, focuses on the net positive actions a person performs during their life. Onoyowa’s new book, “Living for All,” ex-

plains his philosophy. The book was a big hit in Alabama — and especially Ranburne.

“It is exciting to me that a diverse audience — from Christians and Muslims to agnostics and atheists, have found great meaning in my work,” Onoyowa said.

Onoyowa often discusses considering the consequences of one’s actions on an individual, collective, and environmental perspective. This simple

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