

AI could overthrow humanity - the legislators are fools, says FABRIZIO FANTINI

New laws are needed on Artificial Intelligence and fast, if we are to avoid the end-of-world scenarios currently being peddled, writes Fabrizio Fantini.



New laws are needed on New laws are needed on Artificial Intelligence (Image: GETTY)

AI is fuelling the Luddite attitudes we once saw toward the internet and industrialisation, but that fear isn't necessary. If we make technology work for us, not the other way around, humanity will be fine.

Our best way of doing this is to take urgent legislative action. New policies should encourage development and enforce hefty fines to keep AI providers mindful of controlling their complex creations.

Countless people like Martin Wolf and the Godfather of AI have made headlines saying AI will kill, endanger, or strengthen humanity, so what's the truth?

While it's true that AI could trigger robots to overthrow the human race through privacy, misinformation, and cybercrime issues, it's just a tool.

Think of it like a really advanced kitchen knife. It can help you cut vegetables and make delicious food. It can also violently harm a person. So, it's seriously important for policymakers to get a handle on the spectrum of AI use.

Policies shouldn't ban AI because it can satisfy criminal or trivial desires.

To reference the knife metaphor, we don't ban tools. We make an act illegal.

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Murder, fraud, and a long list of crimes are possible with many objects. But we still have them commercially available right? So, legislators should think about AI through that lens when making legislation.

Unfortunately, officials don't seem to have a clue what they are doing. They fixate on telling billionaires and software engineers what their machines can and cannot do. Instead of demanding AI companies keep user behaviour in check.

Any progress we could have is caught in the crossfire of those arguing whether AI is harmless or evil.

We need some common sense to dilute these polarised opinions and bring a dose of reality.

Policing usage is what we should be doing.

Attempting to regulate the abilities of AI software and its development is basically impossible. It's the equivalent of trying to control people's breathing.

Action from the US and the EU is pointed in the wrong direction. Biden is too old to understand what needs to be done. That's clear from his phoney ChatGPT study. The EU has passed more bills and written more proposals... but they seem too incompetent to push companies to handle their own monster.

We shouldn't give such an important problem to a group that barely understands the Internet. Pandora's box should go to an expert who has parliament breathing down their neck, waiting for them to make a mistake.

If the government were to manage AI regulation alone, humanity would miss out on an entire revolution. AI-generated broadcasters, robots doing 40 percent of household chores, and a reduction in climate change are some examples of how safe AI is changing our world.

This responsible software can only come from leveraging serious penalties and legal threats. Companies that make billions have enough money to develop security measures and safeguards. But they won't make a change if their cash isn't at risk.

Governments already have deeply established definitions for crimes and the only thing they need to do is add technological negligence and AI-led crimes to the list.

Anyone can design a malicious AI anytime. If they have the right skill and equipment. So policymakers must make a change. If they do, AI will push humanity into a brighter, more evolved future with infinite potential for innovation.

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