

The residents of Toronto have many needs which the city fails to fulfill. Our mental health care are an underfunded, poorly handled mess that have failed many people close to me, many are without homes and sustenance. Rising crime is a symptom of poverty, and the way to treat that is to treat poverty, yet instead we see endless increases in police budgets without evidence that it's helping anybody. Granting the TPS shiny new toys when we're feeling the long-term impacts of Mike Harris's draining of social resources along with the recent deficit caused by covid is unconscionable.

I am given little comfort by the breaking up into tiers of risk presented. Why even mention the extreme risk category if it's being declared out-of-bounds? Is it to ease anxieties the public might feel about high and medium risk examples? And why are you so confident this is a way of eliminating racist and otherwise harmful biases when a quick google search on 'racist AI' immediately reveals innumerable examples of artificial intelligence adopting the prejudices steeped in the surrounding society. Even more troublesome is that the falsehood that robots do possess an innate objectivity can be used as a tool for the police to distance themselves from rightful accusations of wrongdoing "we aren't racially profiling, we're just going where an impartial source says the crime is". There's already an absurd lack of oversight - the SIU is a joke, pressing no charges even in clear-cut cases like when cops shot Ejaz Choudry to death when he was in the midst of a mental health crisis. We don't need a world in which police have more ways to dodge accountability, and we don't need a world in which we're channeling all our resources into a violent organization and their shiny new toys.

I am not a technophobe, I believe that advances in technology are liable to be necessary in order for us to figure out how best to combat horrors such as climate change. But when dabbling in such deep waters as AI, it is essential that utmost care be taken in how to navigate such technologies, and such care is something that the cops of this city have consistently failed to show, year after year.

Sincerely,
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