MAS.630 Ethical Discussions

MAS.630 Ethical Discussions Sign Up: In Session 9 we will discuss several ethical issues in Affective Computing. Please answer the below to indicate what topics you'd be willing to be assigned to discuss (everybody will be assigned one). If you can't get jazzed about any of these then add one that you're really eager to tackle. Also, it's OK if you don't know what you believe on the issues: That is all the more reason for us to discuss them.

Suppose it were possible to create a wearable technology that regulates the wearer's emotions - so that they never get "out of control".

○ I'm willing to argue for "let's support letting it be built"

○ I'm willing to argue for "let's not let it be built"

○ I could argue either side of this issue

Robots walking around in public (with eyes/cameras) should have the ability to see not only that you are a person, but also if you are a happy, interested, confused, or annoyed person. However they should be limited from making more sophisticated moral-affective judgments about people, such as "you are sulking".

○ I'm willing to argue for "Let's let the robots make such moral-affective judgments about people"

○ I'm willing to argue for "Let's NOT let the robots make such moral-affective judgments about people"

○ I could argue either side of this issue

Suppose it were possible to create a technology that you can wear covertly (like a spy camera) that reads whether or not the person in front of you is having the "fight or flight" autonomic response associated with lying.

○ I'm willing to argue for "let's support letting it be built"

○ I'm willing to argue for "let's NOT support letting it be built"

○ I could argue either side of this issue

If computers can be given true emotions, then they can take over the world (including possibly enslaving or destroying human-kind).

○ I'm willing to argue for "The movies have it right - this really could happen if we give computers emotions"

○ I'm willing to argue for "This is hogwash: adding emotions does not enable this outcome."

○ I could argue either side of this issue

Robots of the future, which interact with lots of people, may need to form judgments as to who is "good" and who is "not good." Robot feelings should be allowed to be hidden from people in these cases.

○ I'm willing to argue "Yes, allow robot emotions to be hidden in cases like this."

○ I'm willing to argue "No, do NOT allow robot emotions to be hidden."

○ I could argue either side of this issue

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