

Writing an article: AI and human rights

1. Read the following text and match the headings (a-f) to the paragraphs (1-6).

- a. Access to Technology
- b. Non-discrimination
- c. Accountability and Transparency
- d. Privacy
- e. Right to Work
- f. Freedom of Expression

AI and human rights: Key points

AI and human rights intersect in various ways, both presenting opportunities and challenges. Here are some key points to consider:

1. AI technologies, particularly in surveillance and data collection, can impact individuals' privacy rights. For example, facial recognition technology raises concerns about mass surveillance and unauthorized tracking.
2. AI systems are vulnerable to biases in the data they're trained on. Discriminatory algorithms could lead to unfair treatment in areas like hiring, criminal justice, and lending, potentially violating equality and non-discrimination principles.
3. AI plays a significant role in moderating content on social media platforms, which can affect freedom of speech. Misuse of AI in censorship or the amplification of harmful content could restrict individuals' right to freely express their opinions.
4. Automation powered by AI can displace certain jobs, raising concerns about the economic rights of workers and the need for retraining, upskilling, or social safety nets to protect those impacted.
5. The "black box" nature of some AI systems, where the decision-making process is not transparent, poses challenges for accountability. It's important to ensure that decisions made by AI are explainable and traceable to prevent human rights violations.
6. Ensuring that AI benefits are accessible to all, and not just a privileged few, is crucial. The digital divide can exacerbate inequalities and prevent marginalized communities from benefiting from advancements in AI.

Ensuring that AI develops in a way that respects and upholds human rights requires careful regulation, oversight, and continuous evaluation to address potential risks and maximize its positive impact.

✓ Writing task:

You have had a class discussion about AI and human rights. Write an article for your school online magazine in which you discuss the impact AI can have on human rights. Use an appropriate title. Write 180 – 200 words.

2. Study a model

- a) Match each sentence (1-5) in column A with the one following it (a-e) in column B in order to create a whole text.

How could AI affect human rights?

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1. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming our world, but its influence on human rights raises important concerns.	a. This threatens the right to fair employment and could increase social inequality unless retraining programs and safeguards are implemented.
2. AI technologies, like facial recognition, can collect and analyze vast amounts of personal data without consent, infringing on individuals' right to privacy.	b. This can result in unfair practices in areas such as hiring, law enforcement, and credit scoring, where AI might perpetuate inequalities based on race, gender, or socioeconomic status.
3. AI systems often rely on historical data, which can reflect existing societal biases.	c. These tools, if misused, can lead to mass surveillance, especially in countries with limited personal freedoms.
4. Automation powered by AI could displace workers, particularly in industries like manufacturing and transport.	d. With responsible use and oversight, AI can contribute positively to society without undermining fundamental freedoms.
5. In conclusion, while AI has immense potential, it must be carefully regulated to avoid infringing on human rights.	e. As AI becomes more integrated into our lives, its potential to both protect and threaten fundamental freedoms must be carefully considered.

- b) Match the following topic sentences with the three main body paragraphs (2-4) above.

- Another concern is discrimination.
- Lastly, AI poses challenges to employment.
- One significant issue is privacy.

- c) Now, use information from the text in exercise 1 to write another main body paragraph. Remember to include:

- a topic sentence
- explanations/examples/results

Fun fact: Both texts in this handout have been written using Chat GPT, a popular AI tool! However, all the tasks were carefully planned and written by your teacher. Can you think of ways in which you could use AI creatively?