

# Pwning Machine Learning (ML) for Fun and Profit

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# Appreciation For Coming

Please Reach Under Your Seat  
If You Find A Challenge Token  
You Win!



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Got Ewe



# Who Defines 'Win'?

- Have You Learned
  - About Chance / Probability
  - About ***Authority***
  - About Public Speakers
  - About Me
- 'Control' is a Function of Knowledge

# Security A Competitive Game

1. Out-**Smart** Adversaries (Preserving Rational Authority)
2. Create Efficiencies, Reduce Costs
3. Balance Both Capabilities!
  - Security = **More** Success at **Less** Cost
  - Don't Confuse/Reverse These

# In a World of Decisions For Competition



We Expect MACHINES  
to Make 'Winning' Easier  
And Yet...



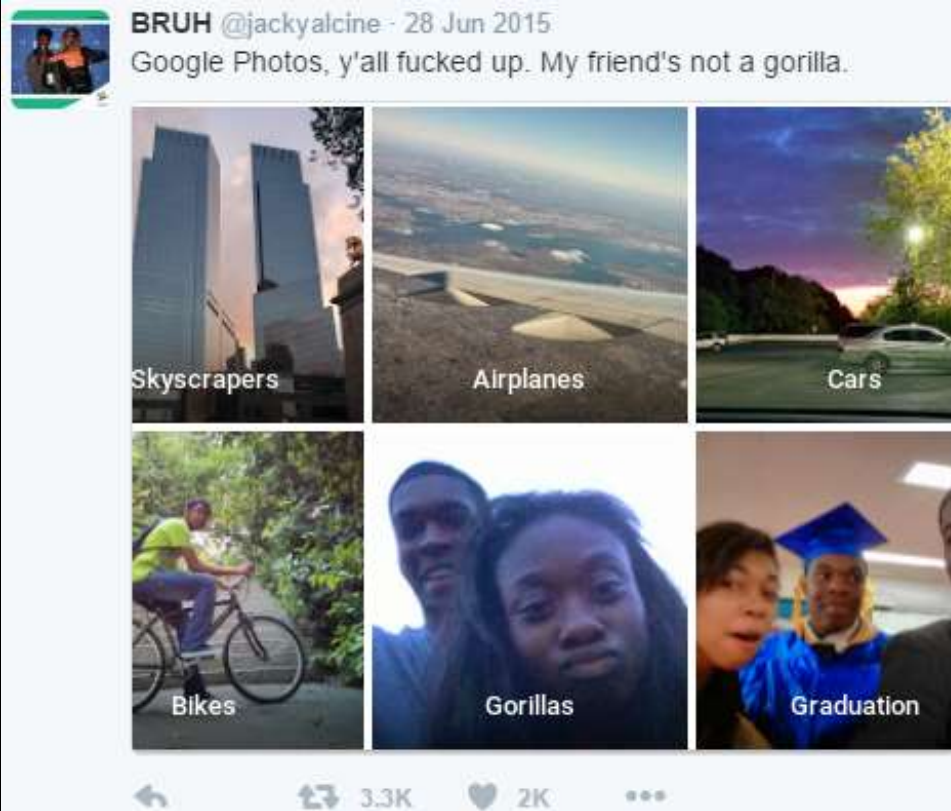
BAD THINGS ARE HAPPENING



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# 'Really Interesting Problems'



@jackyalcine Yup. Really interesting problems in image recognition here: obscured faces, different contrast processing needed for different

RETWEETS  
5

LIKES  
9



11:23 AM - 29 Jun 2015



5



9



(((Yonatan Zunger))) @yonatanzunger · 29 Jun 2015

@jackyalcine skin tones and lighting, etc. We used to have a problem with people (of all races) being tagged as dogs, for similar reasons.



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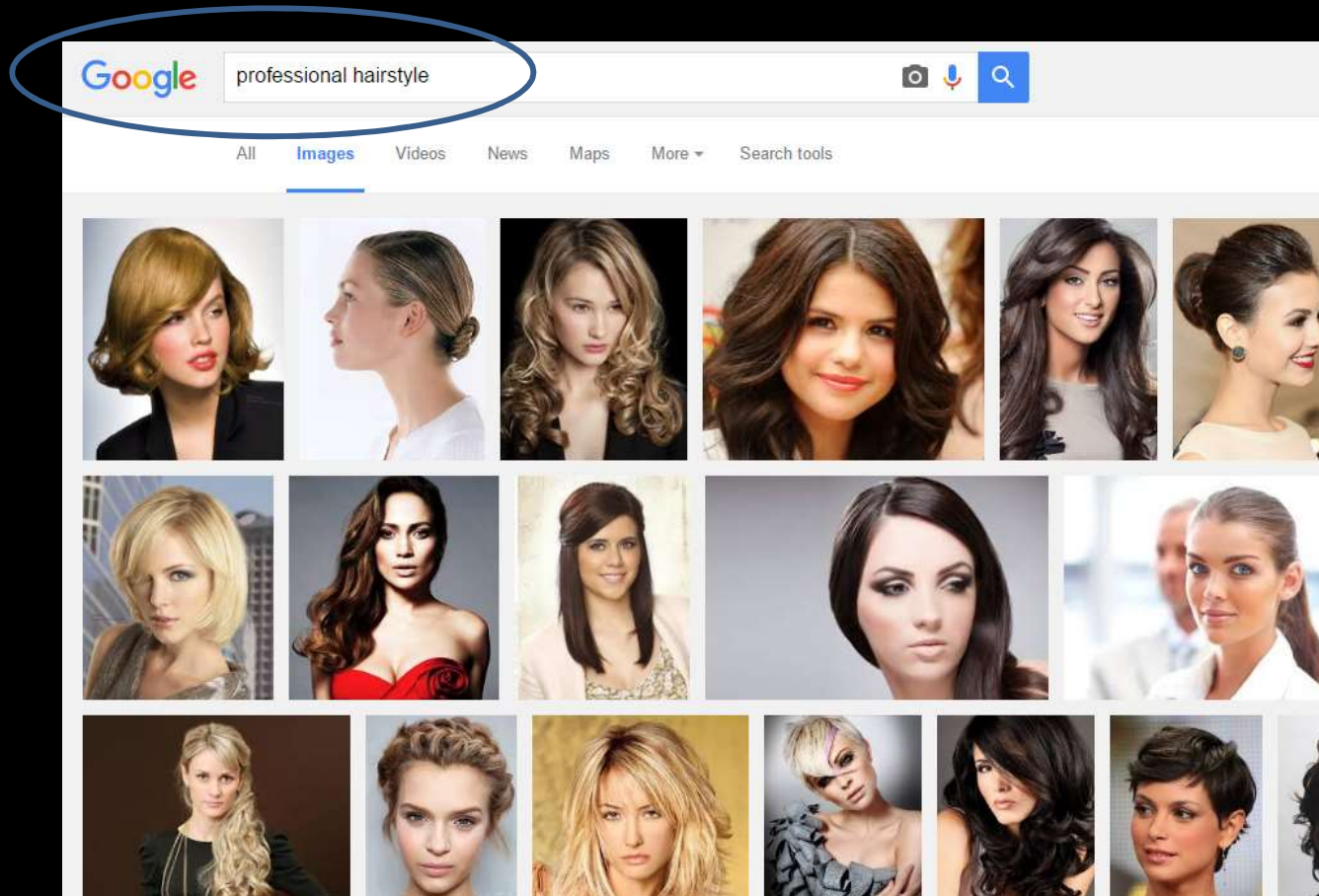


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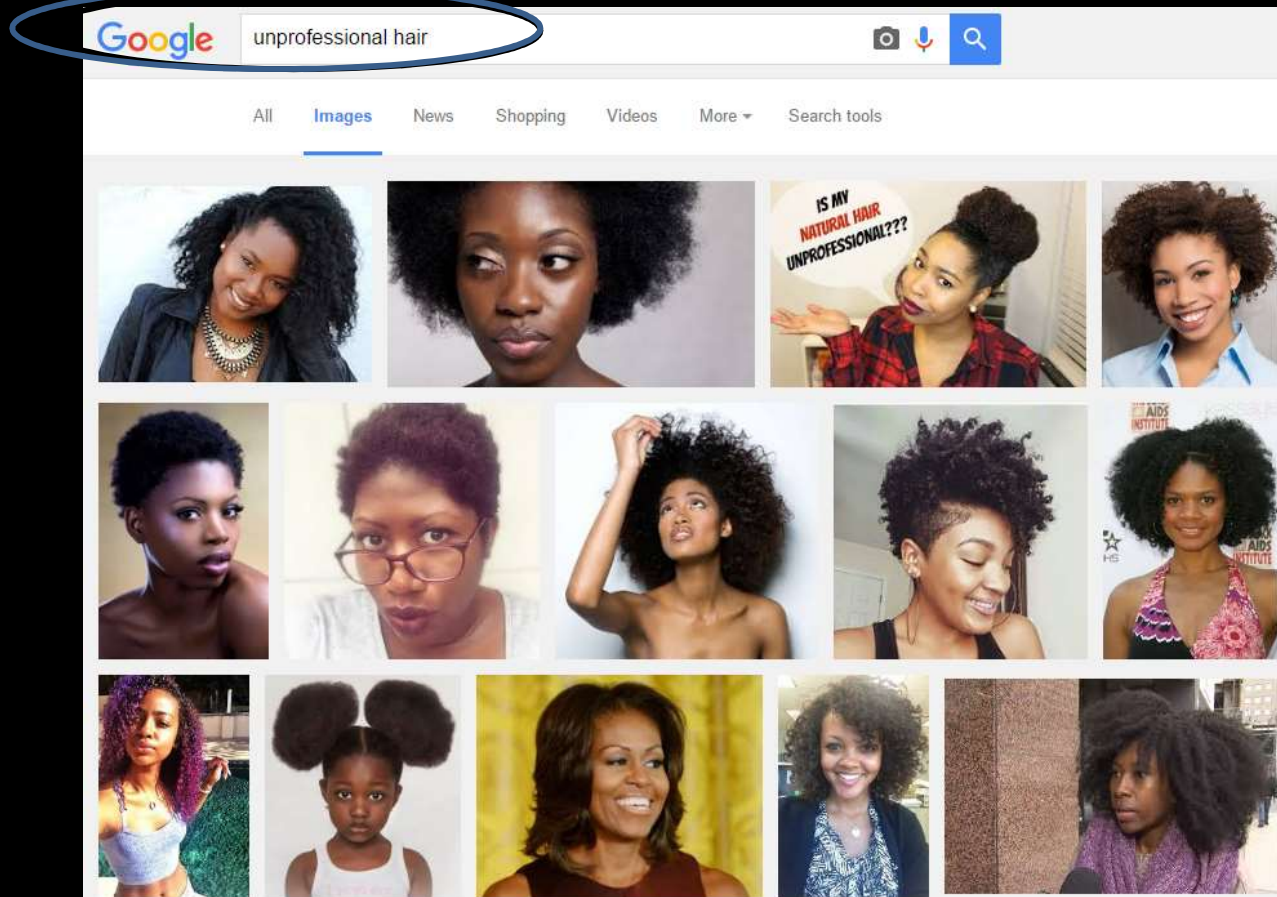
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# 'Professional'



# 'Unprofessional'



# 'Prime Ethnic Composition'

'Berman says ethnic composition of neighborhoods isn't part of data Amazon examines when drawing maps.'

"historical racial divide"

**Atlanta**



**Boston**



"primarily black neighborhood"

<http://www.bloomberg.com/graphics/2016-amazon-same-day/>

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# False 'Criminal' Labeling

'Blacks falsely labeled future criminals at almost twice the rate of white defendants'



# False 'Criminal' Labeling

'compared predicted to actual  
recidivism: scores wrong 40% of  
the time and **biased against  
black defendants.'**



# UK False Road Segmentation...

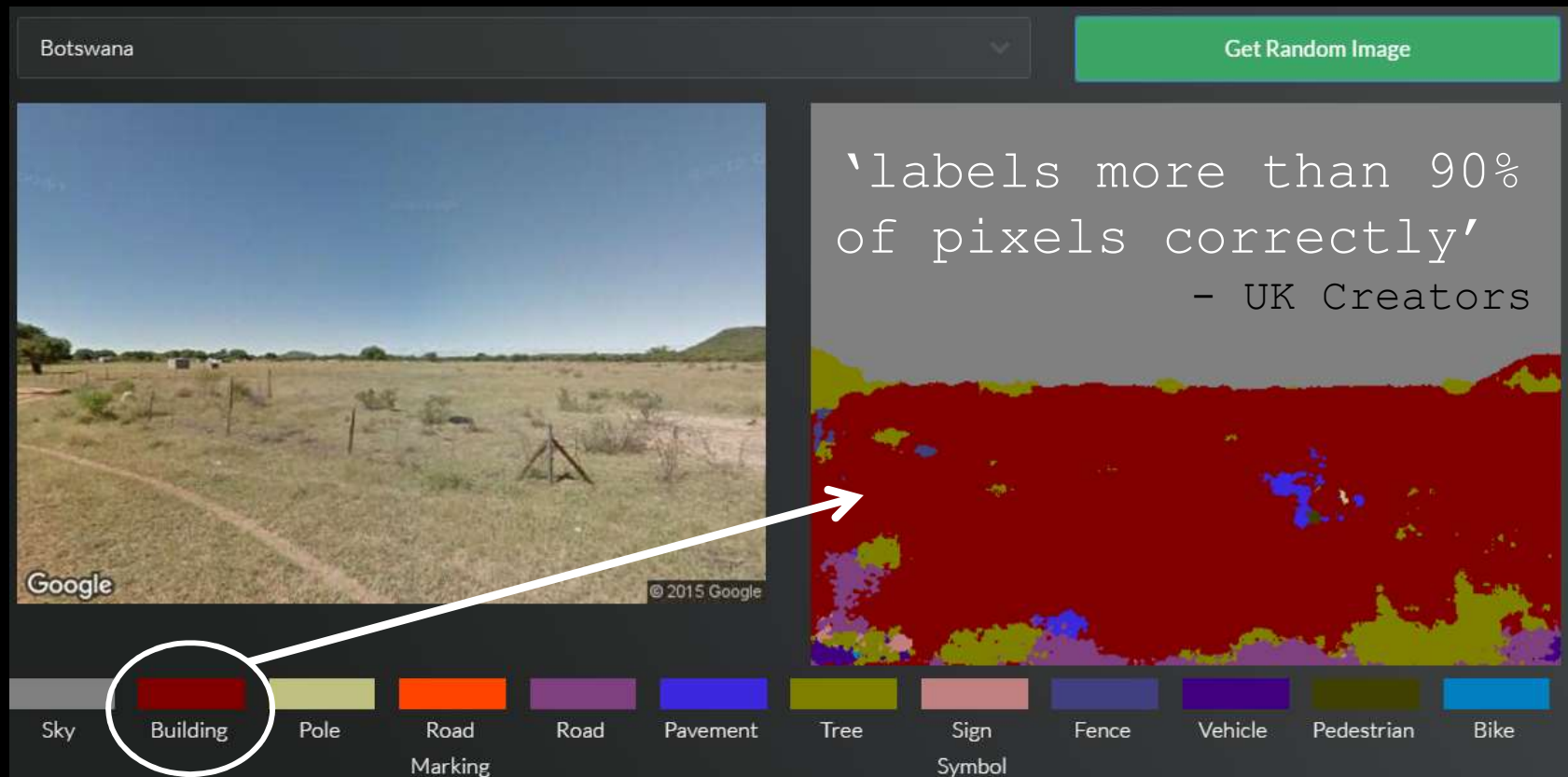


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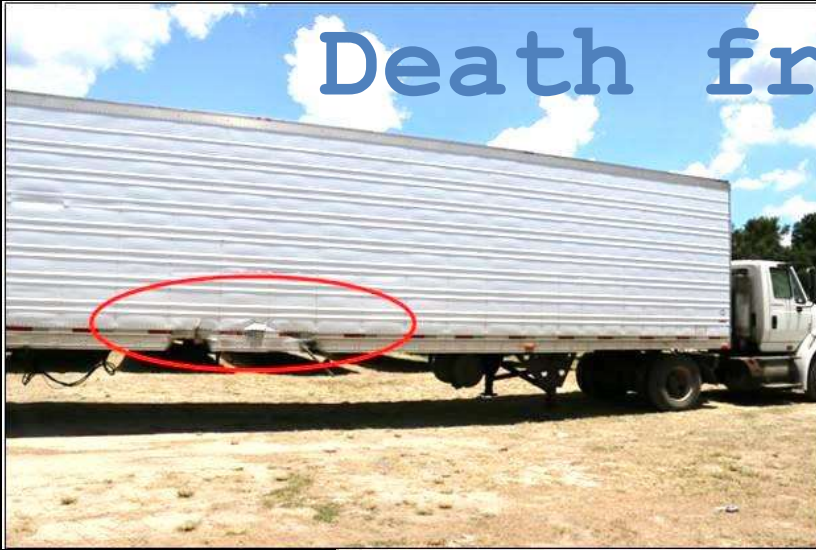
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# ...Machine in Former Colony

(Independent Within Commonwealth Since 30 September 1966)



# Death from Autopilot




60-0 mph Tesla  
Brake Test =  
108 ft



Chose to kill human  
because 'overhead sign'  
(more likely a moving bridge)

<https://www.nts.gov/investigations/AccidentReports/Pages/HWY16FH018-preliminary.aspx>

A close-up photograph of a person's face and hand. The person is wearing a blue shirt and holding a lit cigarette. A plume of white smoke is rising from the cigarette. The background is dark and out of focus.

# REASONS FOR (SAFETY) FAILURES

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# Remember 1958 Predictions?

'The Navy revealed the embryo of an electronic computer today that it expects will be able to walk, talk, see, write, reproduce itself and be conscious of its existence'



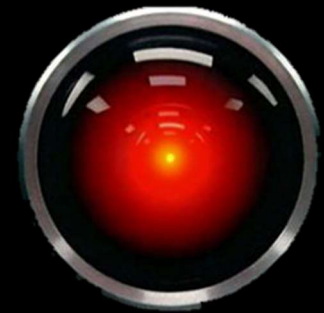
# Remember 1968 Warnings?



'No HAL 9000 series computer has ever made a mistake or distorted information. We are all, by any practical definition of the word, foolproof, and incapable of error.'

# 'Safety Failure' Warnings

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Unable

Inadequate

Mischievous

Selfish

BladeRunner Required



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'You seem a little  
**shell shocked** so  
let's just stop you  
right there...'



# 2016: Bots Are Seeking & Pattern Matching

Algorithms Now Repeat  
(Faster) Whatever  
Mistakes They Learn

(see also: decline of  
civilization)



Image source:



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# Bypass Learning: *Design Flaw*

Neo-Nazis  
Piled in a  
Backdoor

('Repeat  
after me!')



<https://twitter.com/daviottenheimer/status/712889915533500416>

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# Break Supervised Learning

- Predicts Future Data Based on Past
- Inputs Data and Labels
  - Classification
  - Regression

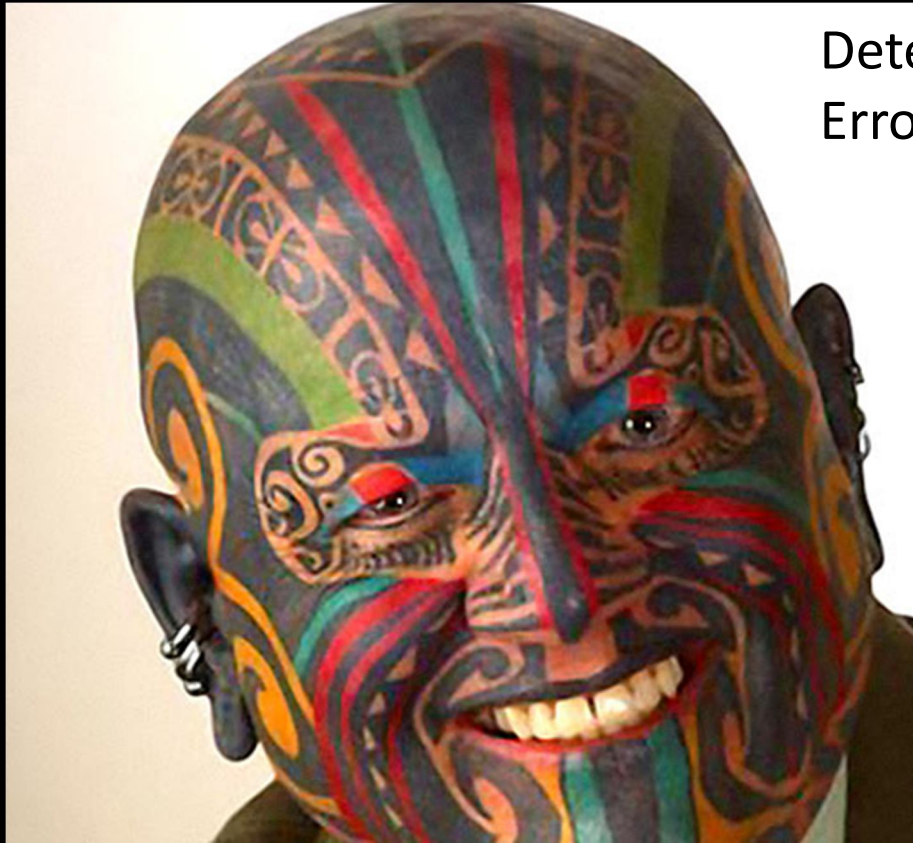
SPAM

Viagra pills sale

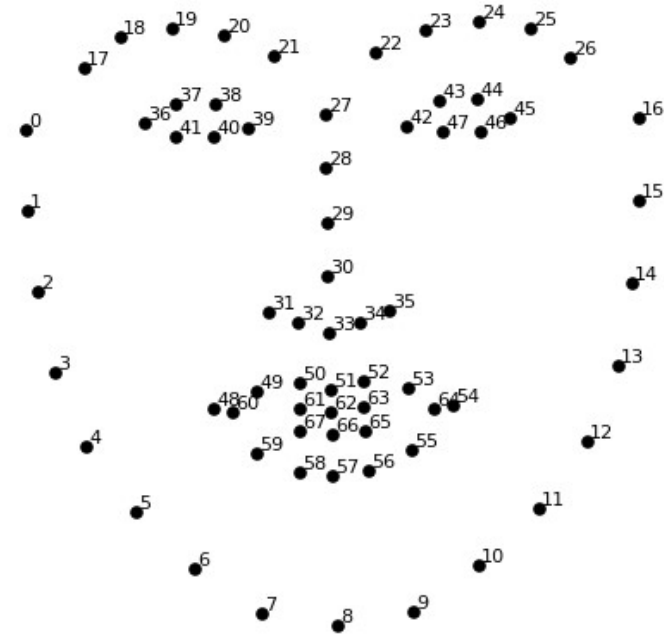
NOT SPAM

ViAGR4! P111s fur sail

# Supervised Break: Face



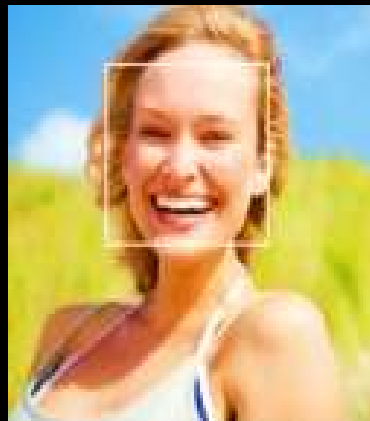
Detection Result:  
Error: **"0 face detected"**



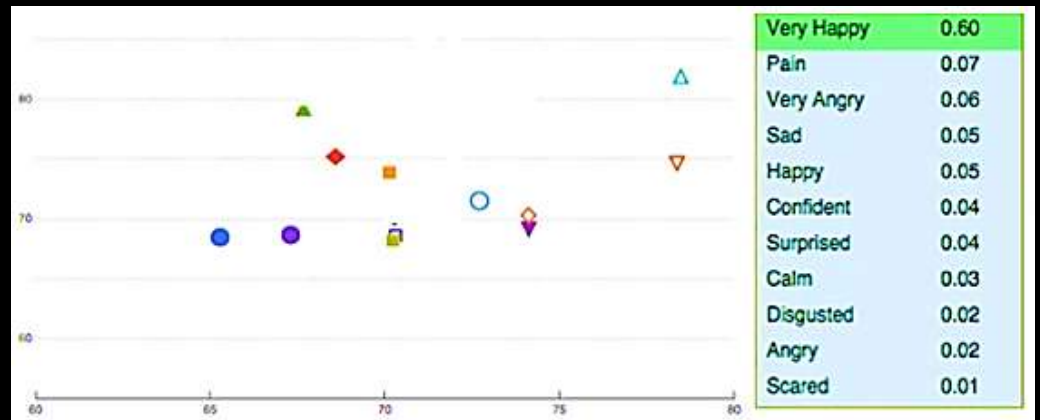
# Supervised Break: Sentiment



Supervised ML  
Training Set



Search Algorithm  
for Feelings



More Precise Classification  
“Very Happy”

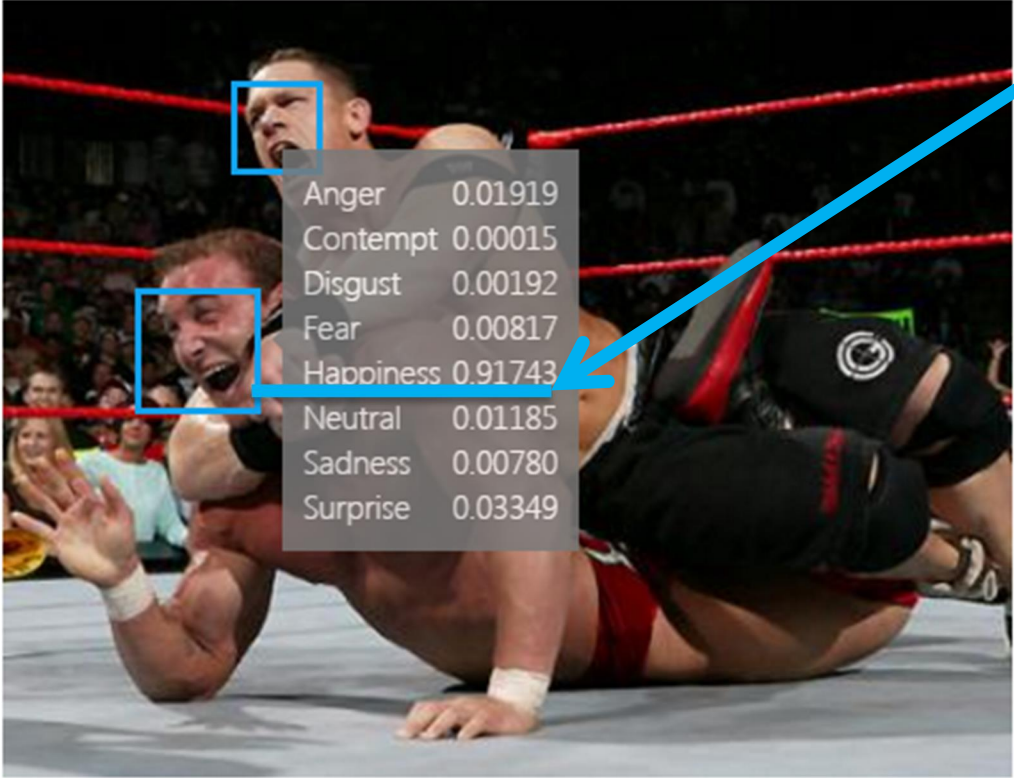


<http://www.datasciencecentral.com/profiles/blogs/tricks-in-face-recognition>

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# Supervised Break: Fight Faces



Anger	0.01919
Contempt	0.00015
Disgust	0.00192
Fear	0.00817
Happiness	0.91743
Neutral	0.01185
Sadness	0.00780
Surprise	0.03349

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{
  "Happiness": 0.917434633,
  "Neutral": 0.0118517382,
  "Sadness": 0.00780460332,
  "Surprise": 0.03348755
},
{
  "FaceRectangle": {
    "Left": 90,
    "Top": 32,
    "Width": 37,
    "Height": 37
  },
  "Scores": {
    "Anger": 0.187864065,
    "Contempt": 0.003002729,
    "Disgust": 0.0295347776,
    "Fear": 0.0174223464,
    "Happiness": 0.0223125257,
    "Neutral": 0.6334335,
    "Sadness": 0.0324874222,
    "Surprise": 0.07394262
  }
}
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Face recognition with deep neural networks. <http://cmusatyalab.github.io/openface/>

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# Break Un-Supervised Learning

Discovers Hidden Structures Within  
Unlabeled Data

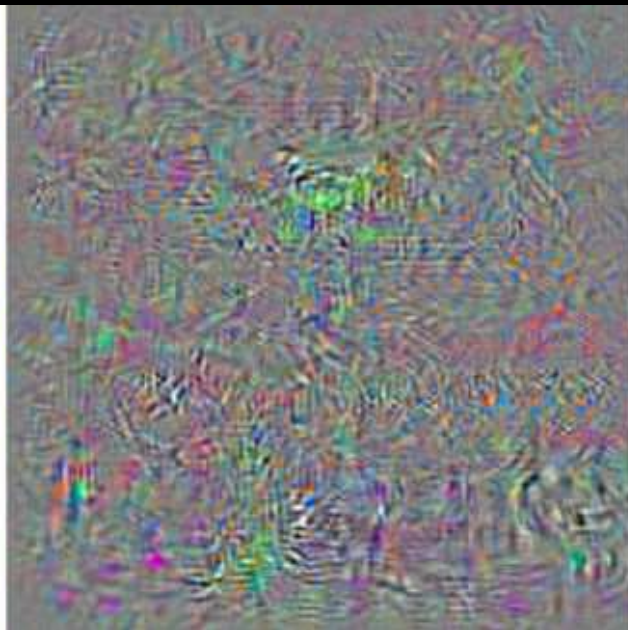
- Compression
- Clustering

'Ostrich'



# Un-Supervised Break (ID)

Bus + 'Ostrich' = 'Ostrich'



90%+ Effective Attack

Christian Szegedy

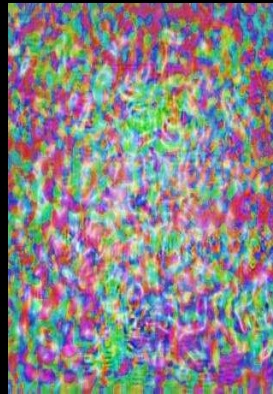
<http://www.popsci.com/byzantine-science-deceiving-artificial-intelligence>

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# Un-Supervised Break (Traffic)

No Parking + 'Stop' = 'Stop'



<http://www.popsci.com/byzantine-science-deceiving-artificial-intelligence>

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# Un-Supervised Break (Lip Read)

Confused by  
English  
Accent

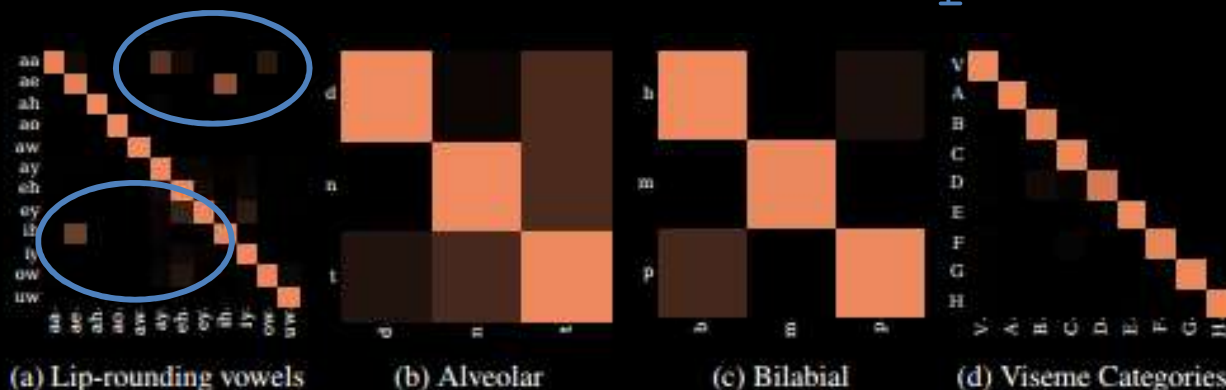
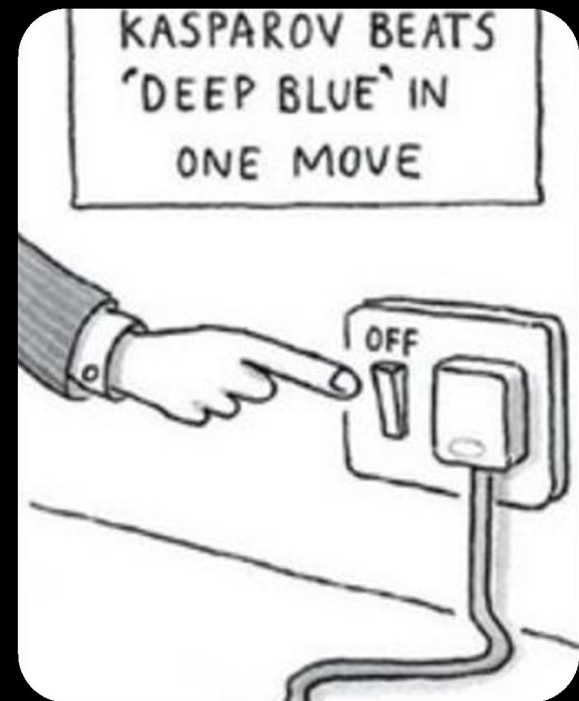


Figure 3: Intra-viseme and inter-viseme confusion matrices, depicting the three categories with the most confusions, as well as the confusions between viseme clusters. Colours are row-normalised to emphasise the errors.

Given that the speakers are British, the confusion between /aa/ and /ay/ (Figure 3a) is most probably due to the fact that the first element, and the greater part, of the diphthong /ay/ is articulatorily identical with /aa/: an open back unrounded vowel (Ferragne & Pellegrino, 2010). The confusion of /ih/ (a rather close vowel) and /ae/ (a very open vowel) is at first glance surprising, but in fact in the sample /ae/ occurs only in the word *at*, which is a function word normally pronounced with a reduced, weak vowel /ah/. /ah/ and /ih/ are the most frequent unstressed vowels and there is a good deal of variation within and between them, e.g. *private* and *watches* (Cruttenden, 2014).

# Break Reinforcement Learning

- Improves Performance in Dynamic Environs Using **Delayed Rewards**
- Measures Actions to Achieve Set Goals (Win a Game)



# Reinforcement Learning Defeat



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uj-rK8V-rik&feature=youtu.be&t=24m54s>

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TO FIX ML SAFETY,  
WE NEED TO *BREAK ML MORE*



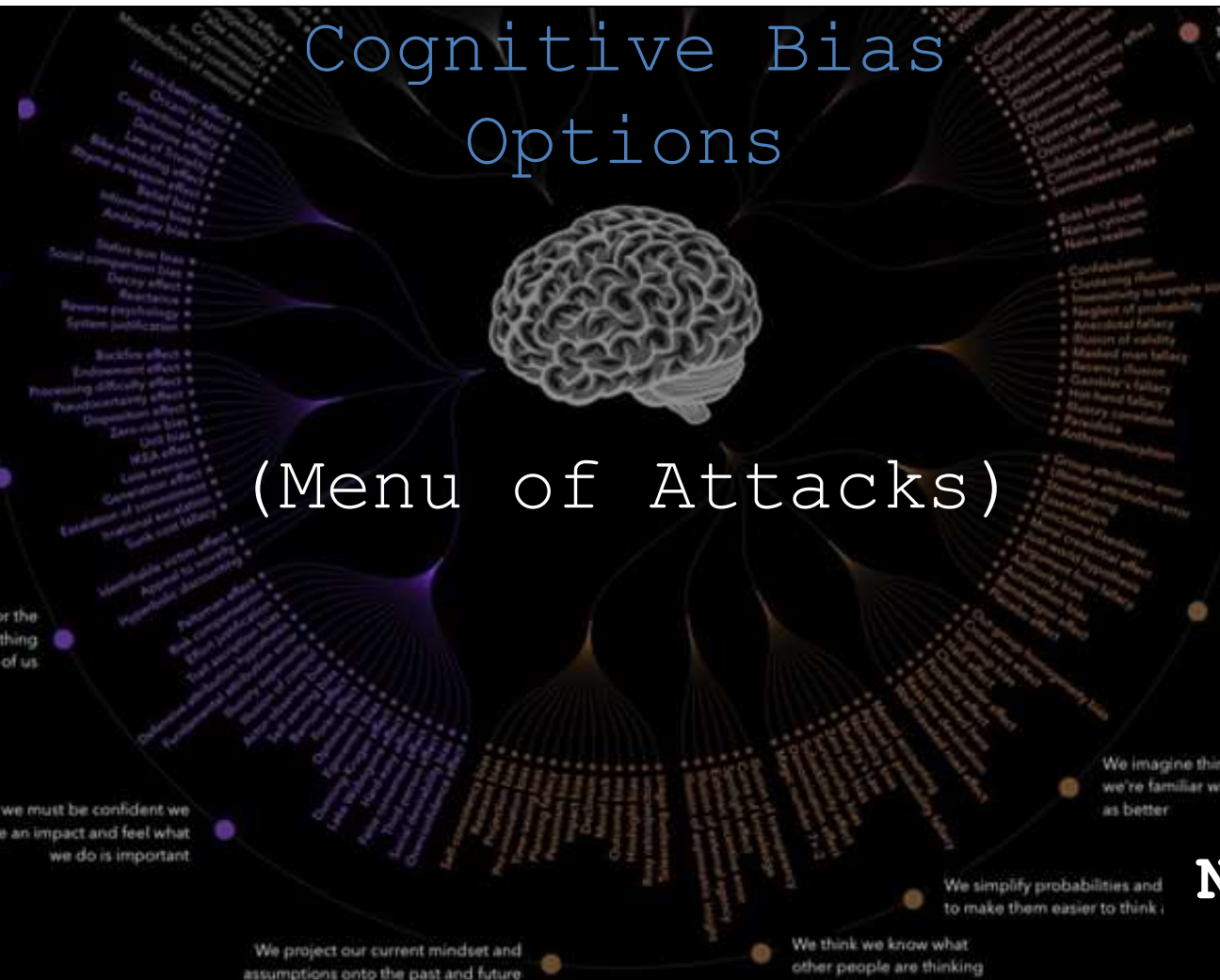
# NEED TO ACT FAST

# Cognitive Bias Options

## (Menu of Attacks)

# TOO MUCH INFO

NOT ENOUGH  
MEANING



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# Machines Sort of Like Humans

Expecting machine intelligence  
to evolve a human-like brain  
like  
waiting for airplanes  
to grow feathers



# Human Learning as Philosophy

Rene Descartes  
(1596-1650)



**1637:** 'Cogito, ergo sum'

John Locke  
(1632-1704)



**1693:** Reflective Process,  
Articulated Steps

'No testimony is sufficient to establish a miracle, unless the testimony be of such a kind that its falsehood would be more miraculous than the fact which it endeavours to establish.'

**David Hume**

Enquiries Concerning the Human  
Understanding and Concerning the  
Principles of Morals

Can't be  
false...



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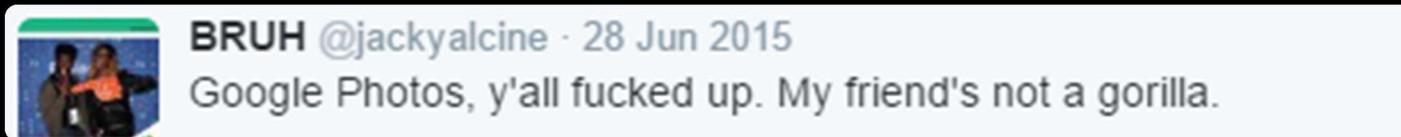
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# False Win Can Mean 'Not False'

## Despite *All Models Being Wrong*

A 'winning result' is not yet proven enough to be flagged wrong or ruled out\*



\* Transparency of ML may be inversely related to accountability or legal liability



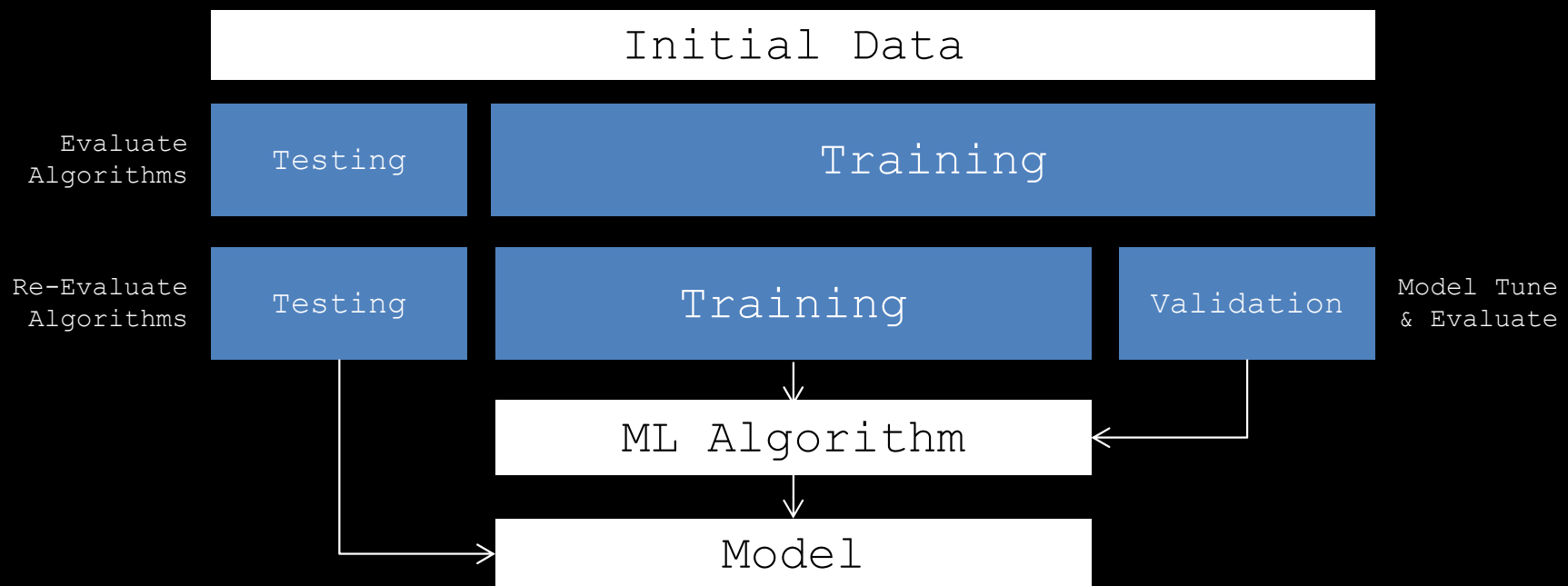
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# Machine 'Reflective Process'

## Expressed as Holdout Method



"Cross-Validatory Choice and Assessment of Statistical Predictions,"

*Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. Series B (Methodological)*, Vol. 36, No. 2., pp. 111-147

<http://www.stat.washington.edu/courses/stat527/s13/readings/Stone1974.pdf>

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# Bias is Unsafe:

Powerful Man Promises A Great Opportunity!

## "African" Scam Letters

Linguistic ideology invokes African stereotypes

- Despotic dictators
- Political instability
- Widespread corruption
- Elite accumulation of wealth

"His Excellency President for Life  
Field Marshal Al Hadji Dr. Idi Amin,  
VC, DSO, MC, Lord of All the  
Beasts of the Earth and Fishes of  
the Sea and Conqueror of the  
British Empire in Africa in General  
and Uganda in Particular."



# Bias is Unsafe:

This is Fine (TIF)



# Opportunity + TIF = Tesla

(Cognitive Errors)

- AutoPilot Thought It Was Winning
  - Need to Act Fast
  - Make An Impact
- Human Thought He Was Winning
  - Imagined Tesla Better
  - Not Enough Meaning
- ML Opacity + False Wins Led to Death



BUT WAIT...IT GETS WORSE



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# The Inevitable Militarization of [Insert Technology Here]\*

\*Artificial Intelligence

<http://www.cyberdefensereview.org/2016/02/08/the-inevitable-militarization-of-artificial-intelligence/>

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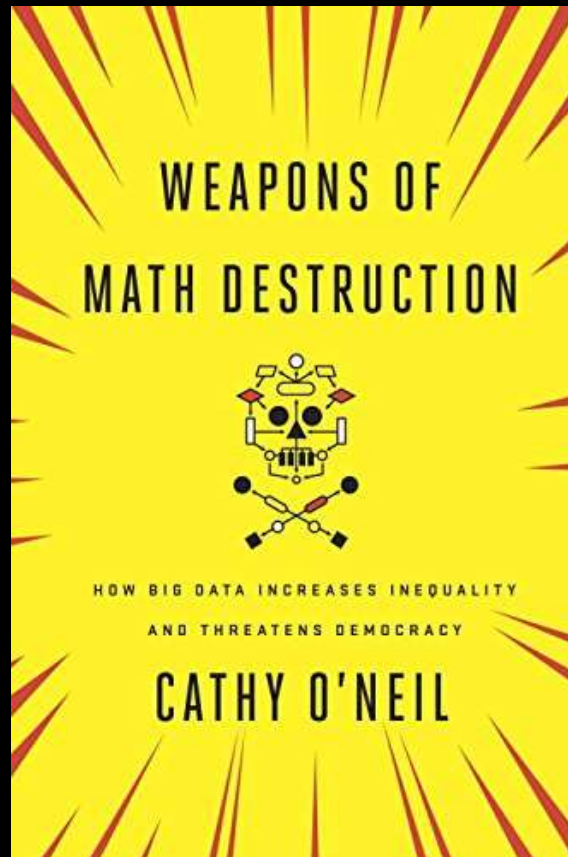


## History

Maxim, an egomaniacal draft dodger, gave the world the **first true automatic weapon** (Patent No 3493 1883). Used by British in Colonial Africa and by Germans in WWI to **turn earth into hell**. Died proud.

– C. J. Chivers

# Harvard Math PhD is Worried



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# The O'Neil Guide to

## Algorithms We Should Worry About

Widespread  
Impact

Secret  
(Targets Can't  
Understand)

Destructive  
(Ruin Life, Unfair)

# The O'Neil Guide to Algorithms We Should **NOT** Worry About





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# NetFlix is Watching You

- Widespread
- Secret
- Destructive?
  - Content Type
  - View Time
  - Correlation



# Widespread and Secret Cameras

## Story-Driven Summarization for Egocentric Video



Figure 6. Example from UTE data comparing our summary (top row) to the three baselines. Our method clearly captures the progress of the story: serving ice cream leads to weighing the ice cream, which leads to watching TV in the ice cream shop, then driving home. Even when there are no obvious visual links for the story, our method captures visually distinct scenes (see last few subshots in top row). The shortest-path approach makes abrupt hops across the storyline in order to preserve subshots that smoothly transition (see redundancy in its last 5 subshots). While the object-driven method [14] does indeed find some important objects (e.g., TV, person), the summary fails to suggest the links between them. Note that object-driven method sometimes produces shorter summaries (like this example) depending on number of unique important objects discovered in the video. See supplementary file for videos.

<http://www.cs.utexas.edu/~grauman/papers/lu-grauman-cvpr2013.pdf>, The Economist "The Data Deluge"

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# Widespread and Secret Health Sensors

'we know the estimated numbers of people being served by each waste water treatment plant, we can back-calculate daily loads'

Analysis of Greater  
Chicago Wastewater  
(**1.5 billion gal/day**)

- Disease
- Drugs
- Environmental Risk

<http://gizmodo.com/5844925/chicagos-stickney-wastewater-treatment-plant-is-the-crappiest-place-on-earth>,

<http://planetearth.nerc.ac.uk/news/story.aspx?id=1185>

<http://www.treehugger.com/natural-sciences/fish-near-water-treatment-plants-are-harmed-by-human-drugs.html>

# Widespread and Secret Drug Sensors



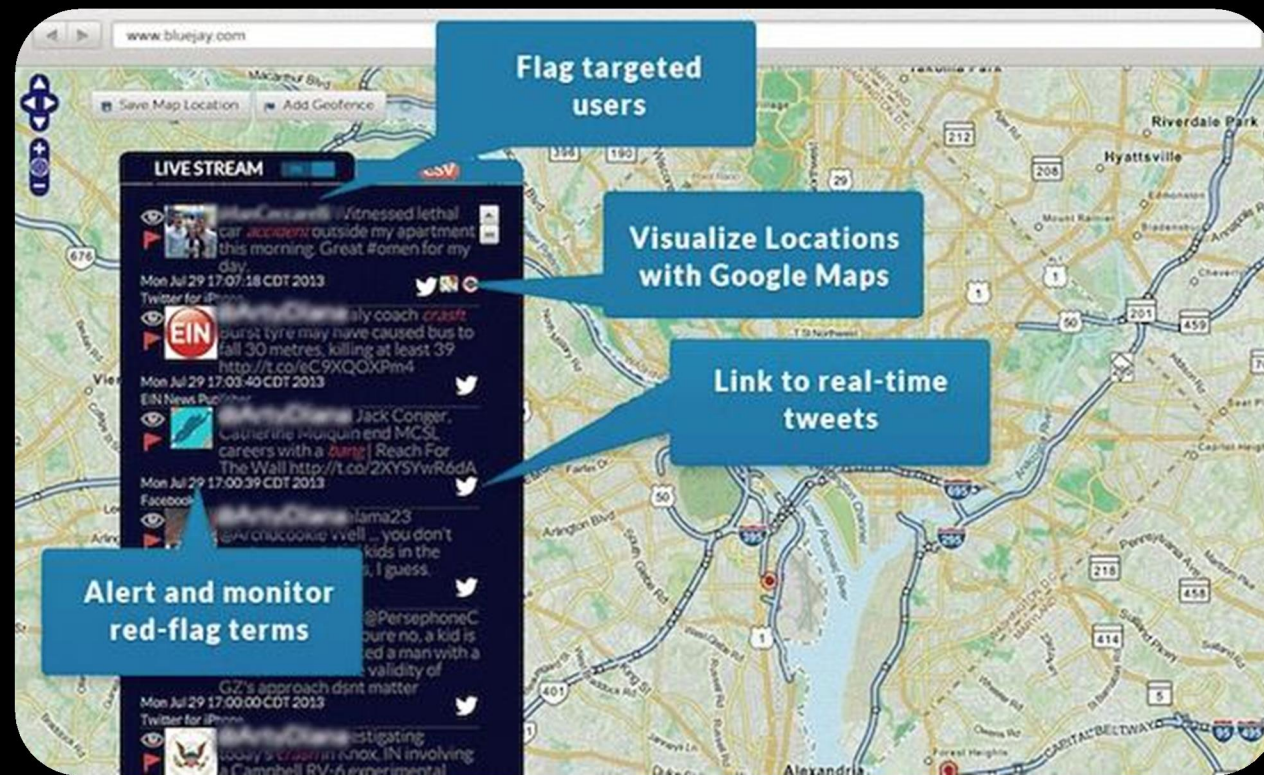
'Cocaine so widely used it has contaminated Britain's drinking water'

<http://gizmodo.com/meth-in-london-heroin-in-zagreb-the-answer-is-found-i-1508209127>  
[http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk\\_news/Health/article1409450.ece](http://www.thesundaytimes.co.uk/sto/news/uk_news/Health/article1409450.ece)

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# Widespread and Secret Police Sensors From BlueToad to BlueJay



<http://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2013/09/how-the-cops-watch-your-tweets-in-real-time/>

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# Facebook's Hunter Killer Project 'Trajectory Targeting by Prediction'



The goal of this competition is to predict which place a person would like to check in to. For the purposes of this competition, Facebook created an artificial world consisting of more than 100,000 places located in a 10 km by 10 km square. For a given set of coordinates, your task is to return a ranked list of the most likely places. Data was fabricated to resemble location signals coming from mobile devices, giving you a flavor of what it takes to work with real data complicated by inaccurate and noisy values. Inconsistent and erroneous location data can disrupt experience for services like Facebook Check In.



<https://www.kaggle.com/c/facebook-v-predicting-check-ins>

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PWN ML FOR FUN & PROFIT  
(SUPPORTING MUTUAL INTERESTS)\*  
OR GET PWNED...



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# EPILOGUE



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# Why Nazis Love Saying 'Fake'

- Refusal to learn is a 'deliberate, often psychologically motivated, neglect of information too upsetting to allow'
- 'Never believe that anti-Semites are completely unaware of the absurdity of their replies. They know that their remarks are frivolous, open to challenge.' - Jean Paul Sartre

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/sf/brand-connect/bleecker-street/denial/>

[http://abahlali.org/files/Jean-Paul\\_Sartre\\_Anti-Semite\\_and\\_Jew\\_An\\_Exploration\\_of\\_the\\_Etiology\\_of\\_Hate\\_\\_1995.pdf](http://abahlali.org/files/Jean-Paul_Sartre_Anti-Semite_and_Jew_An_Exploration_of_the_Etiology_of_Hate__1995.pdf)

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# Why Nazis Love Saying 'Fake'

'...they are amusing themselves, for it is their adversary who is obliged to use words responsibly, since he believes in words. The anti-Semites have the right to play. They even like to play with discourse for, by giving ridiculous reasons, they discredit the seriousness of their interlocutors. They delight in acting in bad faith, since they seek not to persuade by sound argument but to intimidate and disconcert. If you press them too closely, they will abruptly fall silent, loftily indicating by some phrase that the time for argument is past. It is not that they are afraid of being convinced. They fear only to appear ridiculous or to prejudice by their embarrassment their hope of winning over some third person to their side.'

- Jean Paul Sartre

