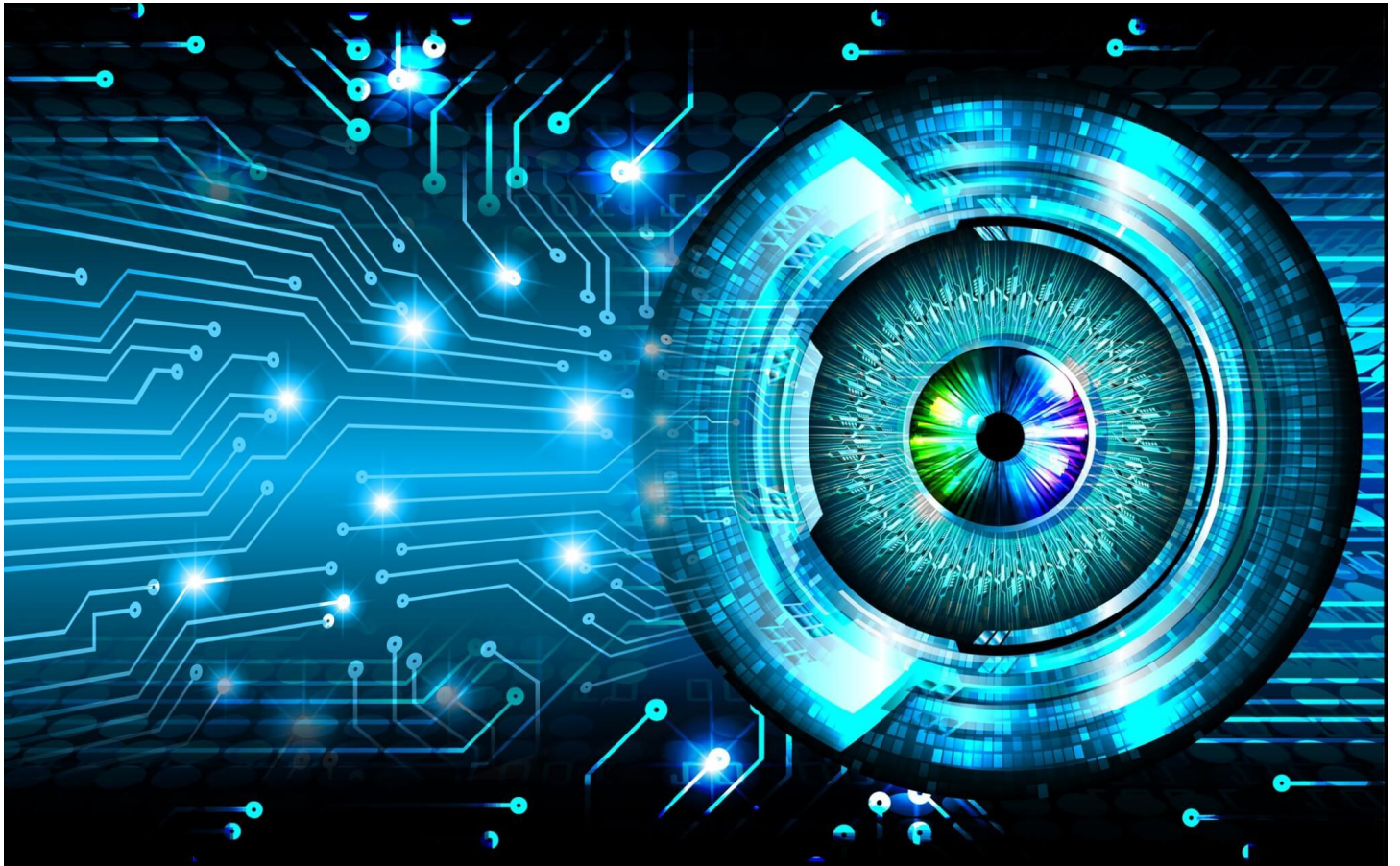




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# Ethical and Societal Implications of AI

*'Taking part in the "AI revolution" is a crucial step in the development of a country'*



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AI (artificial intelligence) is the technology created by humans that allows a digital device or program to mimic human characteristics, relying on pattern recognition and machine learning, done through the data given to the machine. It is incorporated into our daily lives, found in the most mundane things, such as certain features in the phones we use (e.g. face I.D.), when navigating (e.g. Google Maps) and in serious matters such as healthcare and manufacturing, amongst other things.

AI, however, is an ever-growing being, meaning that its abilities will only become more diverse as its sustenance is promoted. Although some countries may view this as a threat towards the progression of humanity, stunting or, as some may say, reversing its development, myriads of countries in the Middle East and in East-Asia believe otherwise.

In Qatar, research centers aim to nurture AI and manipulate it to society's benefits. It is believed that taking part in the "AI revolution" is a crucial step in the development of a country, allowing it to be one step ahead, economically, and socially.

Saudi Arabia, although currently in a sour situation with Qatar, shares the same passion for AI. The delegate of Saudi Arabia has demonstrated its trust in the AI, stating that *"(...) it would help us a lot (...) in developing medical treatments (...) amongst other things,"* The delegate assured that there would be few issues in its usage, and is willing to support any other delegates who share the same incentive.

In East-Asia, China has devotedly been developing AI, well aware of the privileges that come with harboring such technology. *"(...) we are stronger than Western powers, which leads to economic growth and a big advantage over the (...) economic world,"* states the delegate, when asked about the benefits AI would bring to the country, *"(...) AI brings new job opportunities for many countries who are in deep need of that (Job opportunities) and are stagnated in their growth."* The delegate highlights that AI has allowed the Nation to expand its capital, "enhancing" living conditions, education healthcare, etc. Of course, the representative of China reminds all readers that they are, in fact, familiar with the risks the use of AI is packaged with. *"(...) it has also brought concerns when considering the privacy of our people because they have been really exposed to many harmful AI platforms who might damage their image or fake information about themselves."* The delegate clarifies that, similar to the representative of Saudi Arabia, they are actively supporting other fellow delegate's clauses, collaborating with many delegates to draft clauses.

Although AI hasn't been developing a positive reputation, it is imperative to shine light onto the good that the "AI revolution" could bring upon the human population. As mentioned before, some may believe that it will be the end of us, but we, the voice of Qatar and all those who follow, believe that it is simply the beginning of a new era in human history. We believe that this is just another step to an improved, more evolved version of our current world. AI is what will take us forward.

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