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CNN (Cable News Network)

General Deposition:

The American channel, Cable News Network (CNN news), had undergone a four year development before its first news telecast was aired on June 1, 1980 making it the first 24 hour news television channel under the division of WarnerMedia with its headquarters located in Atlanta. (Erickson and King) Over the years, CNN has expanded across the globe delivering news internationally being able to reach more individuals on television as well as online compared to any other cable news channel organization located in the United States. In 2002, the CNN news channel was credited the, “the most reliable television news source”, gaining a reputation of delivering trusted information to their audiences. (Cable News Network (CNN News) and Pew Study 2002) However, controversies over the television broadcast have been debated as the current President, Jeff Zucker reassures that journalists have standards of impartiality within this industry. Zucker believes and encourages that authenticity should be a priority in broadcasting news and showing emotions is a human quality making it more realistic. Recently CNN has not been filtering any emotional rawness from reporters and some believe that its purpose is to build a bias with CNN’s given good reputation in the past. (Barr) Questioning of CNN’s legitimacy of political affiliations and biases have grown when compared to other competitive news channels such as Fox News and MSNBC. The CNN news channel has been considered to be a liberal leaning media platform, supporting the Democrats in the United States, and during the former President of the United States that were mainly critical and were not in support of his actions. These political leanings may deliver news to a general audience with misguided information and potentially change the viewer’s decisions on a particular topic shown through the media. As a result, this multinational corporation may negatively impact Americans and citizens around the world through CNN’s presented information and delivery of the news. (Ensor)

Addressing the International Liability of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

“We’ve come a thousand miles, but there’s a million miles still to go.” -Pedro

Domingos (computer science professor at the University of Washington) (Metz)

The international liability of artificial intelligence (AI) is a growing concern especially with the rise of Meta from Facebook, the line between reality and technology is more blurred than ever before. Zuckerberg believes that the metaverse should encompass the livelihoods of all peoples from working, playing, and to socializing - the rest of our reality. Human interaction will become more robotic with more technological platforms being created for humanity to use. Instead of facing the realities within the world, it's an escape from the conflicts that should be addressed internationally. Before, these platforms were used to incite connections and promote opinions but now it has been transformed into a place of diversion from serious issues. Going in the direction of the metaverse would be leaving human conditions and is essentially a distraction from the harm the Facebook platform has caused. (Rushkoff) Social media platforms relying on AI technology have had difficulties removing violence and hate speeches, however, are more efficient at delivering ads and posts that the algorithm believes your interests would be such as tagged photos. (Metz)

Recently, the use of artificial intelligence has grown and developed at a swift speed over the decade, and is invading into many aspects of individual's lives economically, from job replacements to personal privacy as well as legal issues in terms of false evidence and videos spreading where one may not have done themselves. From smartphones, to social networks, virtual assistants, surveillance, healthcare, and art, creating much controversy as issues arise especially ones about facial recognition. The ability for an artificial intelligence to track personal data, such as identifying people from live or recorded videos to still photos to compare the facial features of others in the database being used in a variety of scenarios like at concerts, by the police, and at the airports. However, concerns about privacy and accuracy have been arising recently as in December 2019, a US government study found racial biases in around 200 facial recognition algorithms categorizing racial minorities to be white people. In the United States, several cities in 2019 that include San Francisco, Oakland, and Somerville have banned municipal departments from using facial recognition and AI technology, while other cities have

Addressing the Legal Rights of Workers to a Livable Wage

“The two biggest threats that the world is currently faces are climate change and social inequality. The past year has undoubtedly widened the social divide.” -CEO of Ben & Jerry and Dove, Alan Jope (Ziady)

Addressing the legal rights of workers to a livable wage is of important concern as those who have jobs may experience life changing health conditions that could lead to detrimental economic effects. And although many may assume that dying would be a better option for the individual, many people with serious health conditions are still able to live a high quality of life. However, without affordable childcare, home care, and other social services specifically in the United States, it creates unneeded burdens in the social and economic advancements of an individual within society. CNN advocates for all individuals to be entitled to a good quality of life that is supported through liveable waves or affordable social services in society. (King)

Divisions within systematic inequalities that lead to starvation and poverty should also be addressed within this topic especially during the pandemic. Legislators should focus on passing laws to tax the rich, forcing billionaires to truly pay their taxes, as well as, focusing on the need for free higher education, reasonable student loans, and free health care. Racial and ethnic separations are more prominent than ever with the Black Lives Matter protests as well as other minorities that are left behind such as through immigration policies. A livable minimum wage should be the baseline and must be achieved in order to reach a certain level of ‘unity’ in America. (Keith)

Minimum wages are considered in many countries especially in the United States to be unlivable, housing is so expensive in the US that a normal person working at minimum wage would not be able to afford rent. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, it shows that no state, country, nor city, could fulfill the rent of a two-bedroom rental for a full time

person who was working at minimum wage (40 hours a week). A housing wage of \$20.40 would be necessary in order to afford one bedroom; a housing wage refers to the amount a worker must earn in order to buy a home without spending 30% on rent and utilities of their income. The pandemic has further shown the devastation and cracks within the housing system as the government placed protections for vulnerable people who could have faced evictions - a total amount of \$46 billion emergency rent relief was distributed. However, the future seems uncertain for those struggling to pay for their rent if the long term housing affordability issue is not addressed properly. (Bahney)

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