President Biden Calls for Algorithmic Transparency, Opposes Algorithmic Discrimination

President Biden has called for greater transparency in the use of algorithms and opposed algorithmic discrimination in a new article in the Wall Street Journal. President Biden wrote that it was time to hold Big Tech companies accountable for the algorithms they use. “We also need far more transparency about the algorithms Big Tech is using to stop them from discriminating, keeping opportunities away from equally qualified women and minorities, or pushing content to children that threatens their mental health and safety.” He also wrote, “We are fighting algorithmic discrimination against protected groups and have released a straightforward set of best practices for government and industry.” He called for bipartisan legislation to protect privacy, promote competition, and safeguard children.

CAIDP, AI Bill of Rights

EU's AI Act Proposes Stricter Regulations for High-risk AI Systems

EURACTIV reports that the co-rapporteurs of the EU's proposed AI Act have circulated new compromise amendments for high-risk AI systems, including mandatory rights impact assessments and detailed plans for mitigating negative effects, as well as increased responsibility for robustness and cybersecurity. In the workplace, the act would require employee consent for AI deployment and transparency obligation for generative AI models like ChatGPT.

CAIDP, EU AI Act

China Implements Regulation on Deep Synthesis Targeting Deepfakes
In a bid to curb the proliferation of deepfake technology, the Chinese government has implemented new regulations for the use of deep synthesis technology. The regulations, which came into effect on January 10th, 2023, are aimed at governing the use of advanced methods such as deep learning and virtual reality in the generation of text, images, audio, virtual scenes and other forms of network information.

CAIDP, AI Frameworks

**Joint Report Warns of the Risks of Generative Models for Automated Language Creation and Influence Operations**

The joint report by Georgetown University's Center for Security and Emerging Technology and Stanford Internet Observatory highlights the rapid development of generative models, particularly in the area of automated language creation, which may have benefits for various fields but also poses the risk of being used for malicious purposes such as spreading propaganda.

CAIDP, AI and Democratic Values

**Germany's Position in AI Act Negotiations Could Swing the Balance in EU Council**

EURACTIV reports that Germany's stance on certain aspects of the EU AI Act aligns with that of the European Parliament more so than other EU member states, potentially making Germany a key player in swaying the Council's decision during negotiations.

CAIDP, EU AI Act

**Iran to Use Facial Recognition to Enforce Hijab Laws**

WIRED reports that Iran's use of facial recognition technology to enforce hijab laws has sparked concerns over potential targeting of women and increased police surveillance. Mahsa Alimardani, researcher on freedom of expression in Iran, has reported instances of women receiving citations through mail for hijab law violations despite not having had an interaction with law enforcement, indicating the use of facial recognition technology to identify violators.

CAIDP, Ban Facial Surveillance Technology
CAIDP ACTIONS

CAIDP Research Director Addresses Council of Europe Committee on AI

On the second day of the Council of Europe Committee on AI plenary session in Strasbourg, Center for AI and Digital Policy Research Director Merve Hickok spoke to delegates about the importance of addressing algorithmic discrimination and promoting transparency in AI. "These are not simply the concerns of civil society," said Ms. Hickok "They are also the priorities of the United States President." referring to an article by President Biden on Wall Street Journal.

List of Decisions from the COE CAI meeting

CAIDP, EU AI Act

CAIDP Issues Statement on the OECD Gran Canaria Declaration

CAIDP issued a statement in support of the OECD Digital Ministerial conference in Gran Canaria, Spain. CAIDP urged the OECD to quickly apply their Privacy Guidelines and AI Principles to the world of AI. CAIDP also expressed support for the conference’s commitments to human-centric and rights-oriented digital transformation, addressing the impact of AI on the labor market, developing frameworks for governing AI and respecting rule of law and democratic values.

CAIDP Statement on the OECD Gran Canaria Declaration
PUBLIC VOICE OPPORTUNITIES

UN Office of the Tech Envoy - Global Digital Compact and AI

The Office of the Tech Envoy is seeking comments on the Global Digital Compact, to be adopted at the Summit of the Future which will be held in September 2023. The Secretary-General has proposed that the Global Digital Compact “outline shared principles for an open, free and secure digital future for all.

CAIDP, Public Voice

Call for Workshops - CPDP Conferences

CPDP is an annual three-day conference devoted to privacy and data protection. Several slots remain open to application through an annual call for papers. This Call for Papers is addressed to all researchers who wish to present their papers at the next CPDP conference. Deadline for submissions is January 31, 2023.

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AI AND DEMOCRATIC VALUES INDEX

CAIDP's Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Values Index evaluates national AI policies and practices.
This report is unique in that it compares AI policies and practices around the world and should inspire progress toward trustworthy and human-centric AI. The report also documents the important role of digital rights and consumer groups in this endeavour.

- Ursula Pachl, European Consumer Organization (BEUC), about the AIDV Index

GLOBAL ACADEMIC NETWORK (GAN) NEWS

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Analyses From Members of the CAIDP Global Academic Network

AI legal cases are increasing: how can we prepare?

"Whether cases involve applying well-established laws to AI, such as the United States’ longstanding anti-discrimination laws, or interpreting new laws, such as the EU AI Act, once enacted, enforcement will be more effective if there are common AI definitions, standards, and related tools. Importantly, this will better position stakeholders to assess compliance more swiftly, accurately, and transparently. Equally as critical, these tools should improve alignment between AI laws and policies on the one hand and engineering and science on the other."

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AI POLICY EVENTS

- Committee on Artificial Intelligence Plenary meeting, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, February 1-3
- Global Conference on Internet for Democracy, UNESCO, Paris, February 21-23, 2023
- Release of Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Values, CAIDP, Washington DC, March 28, 2023
- Committee on Artificial Intelligence Plenary meeting, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, April 19-21, 2023
- Computers, Privacy, and Data Protection, Brussels, May 24-26, 2023
- Committee on Artificial Intelligence Plenary meeting, Council of Europe, Strasbourg, May 31-June 2, 2023
- Committee on Artificial Intelligence Plenary meeting, Council of Europe,
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